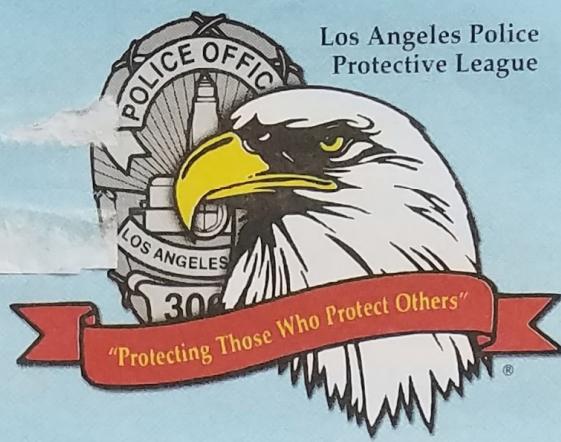


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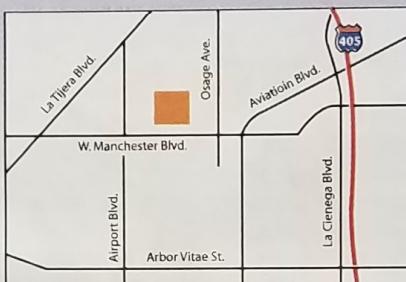
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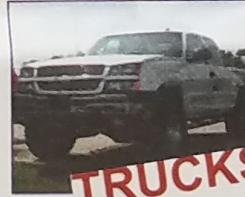
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BUMPS IN PATH TO REFORM CAN BE REPAIRED

Bob Baker, President

To lead others is to influence them through various means to follow you to your vision of a focused thought, belief or action.

One of the key ways for LAPD managers to lead is to increase their ability to persuade the rank and file. Chief Bratton and some of the command staff bring a different perspective – some would say an “outsider’s view” – to the Department that can provide many benefits. But along with some of these benefits comes missteps from those who do not know the Department well and the culture of our police officers and local communities. Granted, we expect to hit bumps on the path to departmental reform, but in many cases these jolts could be avoided, particularly with the help of the League or other veteran officers. And lately we’ve seen many opportunities where confusion or concern among officers could have been prevented if we would have been consulted – as should be done with proposed operational changes.

We all well know that the job of a police officer is dangerous, particularly in Los Angeles. Our friends and family know it, the Department administration knows it and most people within the community know it. Every day, we put our lives on the line in order to keep our streets safe, saving the lives of people we oftentimes don’t know. In recent months, with the unprecedented instances of unprovoked attacks on police officers, that danger has dramatically increased. Along with this increased threat, it is important that we prioritize the needs of the Department to ensure that it is working at 100% efficiency, while maintaining the highest safety measures for police officers and addressing the needs of the community.

Under the direction of Chief Bratton, our officers have made great strides in reducing crime in Los Angeles. However, as the city’s public safety needs continue to grow with an increase in population and reliance on police services, so have the Department’s needs. This has lead to the implementation of several

new Department policies to address either new demands or issues raised as a result of this growth, new crime activity or the parameters of the Consent Decree. However, unfortunately many of the policies that have been implemented have been done in a vacuum – without consultation of the people who know whether the well-intentioned reforms are practical. The shutting out by some Department managers, of the LAPPL and the rank and file in the process of changing policies has, at a minimum, led to confusion among officers and, at the other end of the spectrum, caused concerns about the policies’ impacts on officers’ ability to do their jobs, and do them safely.

It should go without saying that we share the same goals of the Department: to protect and serve the community. But, in order to achieve this goal and be transparent, we must work together to ensure that the structural, resource and personnel changes that are proposed or implemented are specific to the challenges we face and serve as the best solutions to meet these challenges. In many cases, the Department is required by law to engage in negotiations with the League before moving forward with proposed operational changes – which unfortunately has not happened in some instances – while in others, it is more of a courtesy on their part to have us involved. For example, on all matters relating to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment, from either the League or the Department, both parties must be involved in talks. In any case, since these changes ultimately impact the rank and file, it is in the best interest of the Department to discuss their proposals with us so that we can represent officers’ perspectives on the issue and advise them on how best to implement the proposals for maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

Many of you are familiar with specific examples of the League being shut out of the Department’s new proposed policies during the past several months. On some days I feel as though the com-

mand staff is operating a popcorn machine – the ideas just keep getting produced like exploding kernels and overflow, one on top of the other. Little thought appears to be given as to the quality of the ideas proposed – quantity is of utmost importance, and the ideas are churned out at a rapid pace. We must never sacrifice quality for quantity.

Some examples of specific policies and proposals that may have directly impacted you include:

- **SLOs:** Senior Lead Officers have recently been tasked with identifying and keeping track of parolees and/or probationers within their districts, in addition to their regular duties of keeping tabs on crime issues specific to the communities that they patrol. We know this change is of concern to many SLOs – and **we were not informed** in advance about these changes in working conditions.
- **Vice:** We received information that the Department was proposing the use of officers assigned to Vice as undercover operators to purchase narcotics in the streets of Los Angeles, without adequate training or background investigations of the officers involved. While no further action has been pursued concerning this plan, the League remains concerned that **we were not involved** in this proposed change in working conditions and numerous members have expressed concerns to us about the changes.
- **DARE:** As part of the ongoing discussions that have been covered widely in the media about disbanding DARE (as well as the Backgrounds Investigations Section) in order to provide more officers for patrol and other needs, the League continues to watch this situation with particular interest. **We have not received any formal notices** about these proposed changes, and we are unaware about the proposed future assignments of the sworn officers assigned to these functions, which obviously leaves us very concerned.
- **Grooming standards:** As we have discussed with you on several occasions in the *Blue Line* and in delegates’ meetings, Special Order No. 48 adopted a department-wide policy in

essence prohibiting all visible tattoos and/or branding by officers while on duty – contrary to the last, best and final offer management made during impasse procedures on this issue. We had no choice but to file an unfair employee relations practice charge about this issue because of the action of enacting the new policy **without League input**.

With a lack of solid focus, the safety of police officers and the community could be put at risk. The best way to avoid these complications and ensure a smooth path to reform is to involve the League and, by extension, the rank and file in all proposed changes. We need to use our current limited resources in the best manner possible, and the only way we will do this is by working together.

Although the recent policies that have been implemented have not all served the best interests of Los Angeles police officers and the community, they do stand out as areas that need improvement. With improved processes of evaluation and open negotiations, based on quality, not quantity, we will be able to address these and other concerns that affect the Department and the community more effectively. We have raised our concerns with the Department and hope that they will engage the League more in ensuring that all proposed departmental changes and reforms meet the needs and interests of the officers and the community.

In proposing changes at the Department, we must ensure that ideas are not created for the sake of simply creating ideas, but are ones that truly address key issues at hand. Overall we must ask ourselves if we’re evolving in a direction that benefits Los Angeles police officers and the community. The success of the Department and the community depends on it.

Together the League and the Department can ensure the continued safety of our community and the preservation of the rights of our officers. No one said that the path to reform would be easy, particularly with a department the size of LAPD, but there are resources – namely the League and the rank and file – available to ensure success in reform, and we intend to work in conjunction with the Department to make this a reality. ♦

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	April 2004	Year to Date
Roll Outs	8	39
Claims opened in League Legal Claims Unit	113	392
Boards of Rights assigned	12	45
Grievances opened	7	22
Grievances closed	2	18
Total grievances open	28	
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One hour legal referrals	35	141

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CCLEA California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

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Tim Sands, Vice President

Ballistic Vest Reimbursement Checks

The Department should have released the list of officers who upgraded to the Ultima Ballistic Vest. These officers paid out of their own pocket, funds to upgrade from the city-issue vest to the Ultima Vest, which we now know to be flawed. As I wrote in prior articles, with the combined effort of the League, City Attorney and Department, the CAO recommended to City Council to reimburse the officers for funds expended.

Checks will be ready for dispersal by the Department on or about July 1, 2004. To view the list go to the League website at www.LAPD.com and hit the "Member's Only" link and follow directions to the list. The Department will disseminate the list to all divisions and put it on the LANs system. Also on May 4, 2004, I gave the League's copy of the list to all the Delegates to disseminate back at their respective divisions. Along with the list of officers, the Department will have a memo explaining how, where and when to pick up their checks. Once it is disseminated we will also post the memo on our website.

If after reviewing the list of officers you find you are not on this list, and you upgraded to the Ultima Vest with your own funds, you can contact me by fax at (213) 251-4566 or email me at Tim.Sands@lappl.org. I will need your full name, serial number and a brief state-

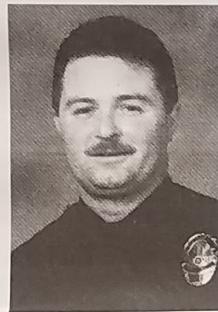
ment that you are not on the list and did the upgrade with your own funds for the Ultima Vest. I will also need the approximate date on which you upgraded and if you have it, a copy of your canceled check or receipt.

I will then contact the Department for you to receive funds. Again I would like to acknowledge Director Peter Repovich, President Bob Baker, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, CAO Bill Fujioka, and Captain Sergio Diaz, Training Division, for their combined efforts to get the reimbursement of funds for our officers.

Paul C. Byrnes, Jr.: In Memoriam

On April 29, 2004, Sgt. Paul Byrnes #24578, passed away. I, along with many other of his family and friends, attended his funeral services on May 7, 2004, in Burbank. He will long remain in my memory as a valiant and dedicated officer, who gave only his best to all who came in contact with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He leaves a legacy of professionalism and achievement that will not be forgotten. Rest in peace, Paul.

Take care and be safe!



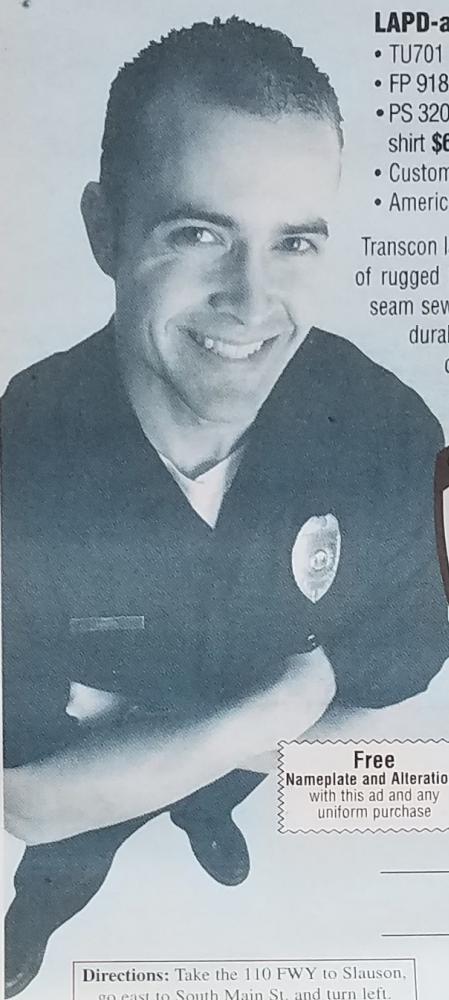
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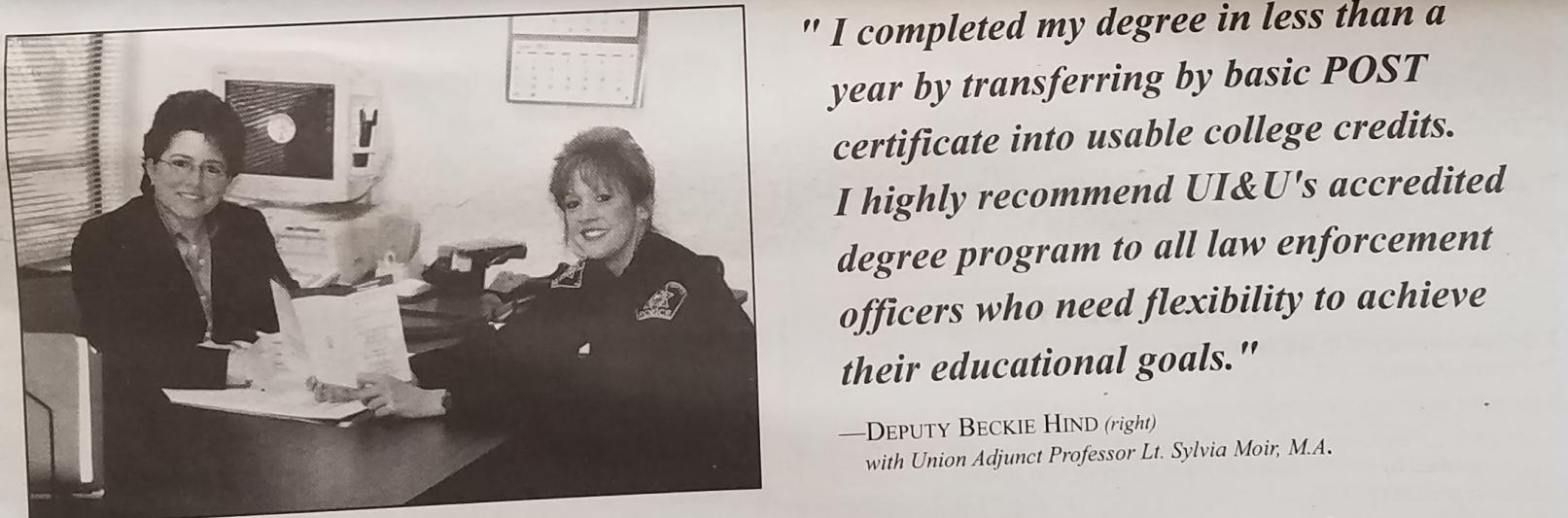
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FLSA OVERTIME RULES FINALIZED

Ted Hunt, Secretary

The new FLSA Overtime Rules have been published. According to Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, the purpose of the revision to the FLSA was to "simplify" the rules. There are serious questions about her premise since the "preamble" to the changes alone is 277 pages long and the actual text of the regulations are 62 pages, for a total of 339 pages. Hardly simplified.

A significant rift developed between what I have called "The Big Three" (TB-3) and a group called the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). TB-3 is an informal alliance of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) who collectively represent most of the major cities in the United States. Their combined membership includes over 350,000 peace officers. At the national level, the FOP is considered a fraternal group. It is headed by a retired deputy chief of police from a small town in South Carolina.

In cities where the FOP chapter is the local police union, you would be hard pressed to find more serious, dedicated, focused and professional police union leaders. The League has fostered excellent relationships with many of the independent chapters of the FOP such as Philadelphia, Baltimore, Kansas City,

and Pittsburgh.

We are not in the habit of making war with other police organizations. We want to get along with everyone. We love our brothers and sisters in the FOP. But when the salaries, benefits and legal rights of our officers are threatened, we will use every effort to persuade, convince and sway the other side to our position. If need be, we will vigorously fight anyone, anywhere, anytime they try to take away our salary, benefits and rights.

The national FOP organization appears to be something quite different the local chapters. It seems to be what the name clearly states, in other words, a fraternal (*read brotherly and sisterly*) club that strengthens social bonds with other officers at social events. That is a very wonderful and noble cause. One of our colleagues from out of town summed it up this way, "They're good people. They love to drink beer and make good stories even better. Their conventions are great for trading pins and patches. That's what they do. And they do it well."

We do not want to make an enemy of the national FOP, but a serious divide began in 2003 as a result of the proposed FLSA Overtime Rule Changes. The national FOP advised that the FLSA Overtime Rules wouldn't affect us. That set off the bells. In the political arena, when someone tells you, "Don't

worry, this won't affect you," it is time to worry because you are about to be negatively affected.

The FOP president maintained that peace officers should trust the government. That was the second warning bell, but this time there were flashing red lights. The phrase, "trust me, I'm from the government and I'm here to help you," kept ringing through my ears.

In an article, the FOP said that "it was clear to us (FOP) that Secretary Chao and the Department (of Labor) never intended to cut overtime pay for public safety employees."

We sent the lengthy proposed rules out to one of the nation's top FLSA legal experts for review and evaluation. We assigned our in-house legal staff to review and evaluate it. One of our lawyers literally "wrote the book" on labor law. Separate NAPO, IUPA and IBPO lawyers reviewed it and evaluated the impact. One of our statewide allied organizations conducted a separate review and evaluation. The results were all the same. If peace officers were not excluded, by inference, we were included in the new rule changes.

TB-3 set about trying to ensure that officers would not lose their overtime. There is no question about the fact that TB-3 in fact did force significant changes to the original proposal. All you have to do is to read the proposal and the final so understand that fact.

The final regulations have been published. They are extremely complex and cannot be coalesced into a few bullet points of simple sentences. In order to help translate the new regulations, it is important to understand that an EXEMPT employee means the employee is NOT entitled to overtime at the rate of time-and-a-half.

One changed proposal was the "super

short test for highly compensated employees." Originally, DOL said that anyone making \$65,000 a year or more would be automatically put into the category where they would have to pass a "regular duties test" to see if they were to be classified as an EXEMPT employee. EXEMPT employees are NOT entitled to overtime at time-and-a-half.

TB-3 sought the elimination of any monetary threshold. In the end, and based on enormous pressure by TB-3, the DOL was forced to push up the "super short test" threshold to \$100,000.

Another original proposal that was changed would have dramatically affected LAPD officers. It involved the level of your training and experience. Under the original proposal, a peace officer could have been classified as an EXEMPT "learned professional" and thus NOT entitled to overtime. The criteria for "learned professional" would have included your police training including academy training and in-service courses. Those courses would have been considered community college level technical courses, making you a "learned professional."

Additionally, any expertise that you developed in the military or elsewhere, and then used in your police career, would have helped make you an EXEMPT employee. For example, if you have specialized skills such as helicopter pilot, Bomb Squad Tech, Haz-Mat Tech or SWAT member, you would have been an EXEMPT employee and therefore ineligible for overtime.

Again, due to the enormous pressure by TB-3, the DOL was forced to withdraw this proposal.

The language of the original proposal

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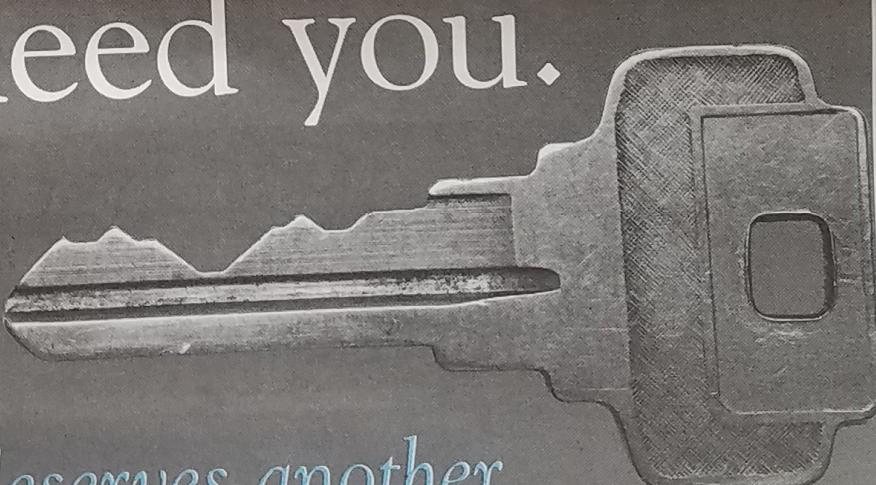
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD

Cliff Ruff, Treasurer

On April 13, 2004, The Los Angeles City Council passed and the Mayor subsequently signed two legislative matters which make workers' compensation fraud a termination offense.

The first Ordinance #175930, requires all City departments to establish termination procedures for employees convicted of workers' compensation fraud.

The second Ordinance #175931, requires all general managers and agency heads to diligently and swiftly pursue termination procedures in a manner consistent with due process, Civil Service Rules and all other legal requirements, against an employee who has committed workers' compensation fraud.

These two ordinances are prospective and are effective May 1, 2004.

Everyone knows that anything involv-

ing a conviction requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt which is not easy to come by. But in the second ordinance the standard of proof at a Board of Rights is by a preponderance of the evidence, which is a 51% standard of proof, and that is an easier hurdle for the Department.

For those who don't know, the Claims Validation Unit, that seeks to verify the validity of a workers' compensation claim, has been moved from Medical Liaison to Professional Standards Bureau. One can surmise that there will be an aggressive surveillance operation diligently conducting benefit abuse investigations. So if you're off IOD and playing golf, surfing, or doing anything inconsistent with your duty restrictions, you may be subject to a disciplinary investigation with termination consequences.

The hazard an accused officer must understand is that it is much easier to obtain a guilty verdict at a Board of Rights than through the criminal process. Also the Office of the City Attorney has assigned deputies to the Workers' Compensation Section at the Personnel Department to file misdemeanor cases against suspected fraud and to recover monies wrongfully obtained by claimants.

The bottom line is don't commit workers' compensation fraud or your job may be on the line. Obtain every benefit you're legally entitled to but don't try and convert an off-duty injury into an on-duty injury. Most important is to not

perform activities that are inconsistent with your duty restrictions.

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Officers nearing retirement or those in DROP frequently call inquiring about which states do not have income taxes. These seven states which will not tax your California pensions are: Alaska, Washington, Nevada, Texas, South Dakota, Florida, and Wyoming.

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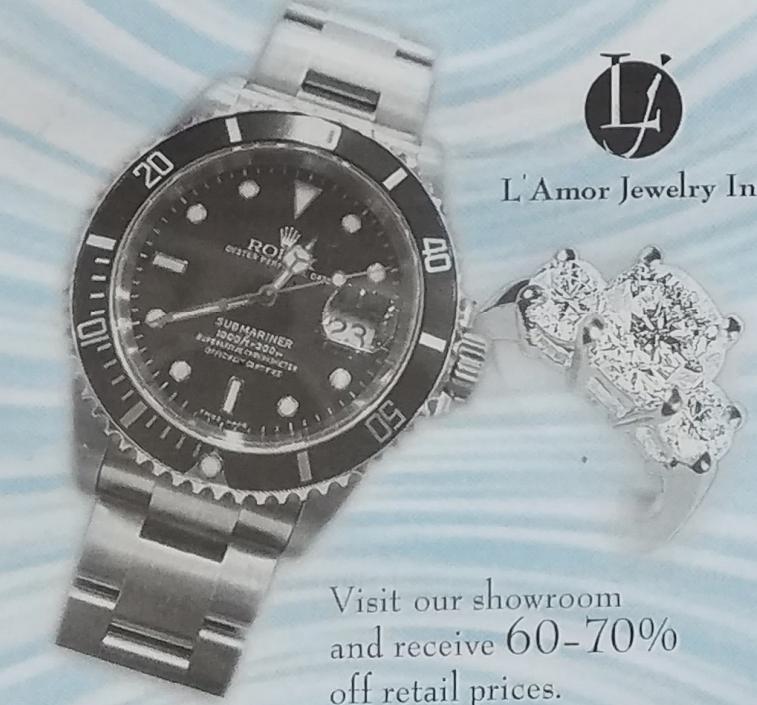
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USING FORCE SHOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN BEING SECOND GUESSED

Mitzi Grasso

Every time a police officer makes the decision to use deadly force, people begin to question whether or not it was necessary. It's hard to second-guess someone who was on the scene and believed that he or she was in danger, but the use of deadly force is always controversial.

It is important that through our daily interaction with the public that we find ways to educate them that for a police officer in the field, each day is laden with fear and doubt. Many situations could end in death. The fear of never seeing one's loved ones lives in the heart of an LAPD officer as closely as the gun on his or her hip.

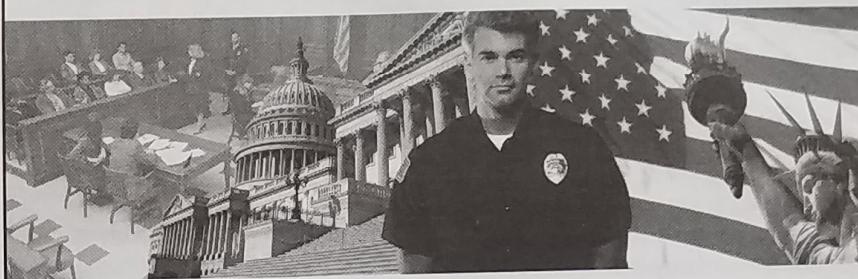
Few people can know what it's like to have to make a split-second decision on which one's life may depend. When someone suddenly points a gun at you, you can never be 100% sure that they intend to kill you. Police officers are trained to make as balanced a judgment as possible, but it must be immediate. They must not shoot without making that judgment, even though even a fraction of a second's delay could cost them their lives.

We must remind the public that officers who are shooting to stop the actions of a suspect are required to continuously assess the threat throughout the event, and when, in their opinion, the threat is stopped they must "de-escalate" their force. Whether it is determined after the fact that the suspect actually was pointing a gun at an officer does not invalidate the officer's actions, based upon the reasonable belief that he was about to be shot.

The public does not have the same level of knowledge about OIS's as you do. For example, many people do not know that every time an LAPD officer shoots at someone, hit or miss, a series of investigations take place. Most of the time, this goes unreported, but careful analysis of these incidents within the Department helps police specialists learn and train officers even better, so as to decrease the risk of harm to both suspects and police officers in the future.

When people ask you about deadly uses of force, please take the time to remind them that the real question is: did the officers have a reasonable belief that they were about to be killed? I would suggest that when a car is driving at an officer or a gun is pointing at an officer, that it creates a reasonable belief that an officer may be killed. The public must understand that we are not gun-toting lawmen of the Wild West – that our decision to shoot or otherwise defend ourselves is based upon the desire to protect ourselves and the residents we are responsible for. None of us likes to engage, and it is not our goal to become involved in a shoot-out or altercation with a suspect. Movies and the evening news sensationalize OIS's, particularly involving LAPD, but we all know the reality of what occurs. And for the sake of our officers, their safety and the continued public safety of our city, the serious nature of our jobs and situations like OIS's must be communicated, or our officers will continue to shoulder the load of "blame" for these situations.

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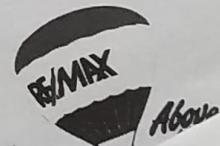
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MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

Corina Lee

Scholarship Essay Update

I am proud to say that there were forty-six participants who qualified and took the scholarship essay exam. This was the largest number of participants to date. The committee is hard at work grading the essays. On May 14th the committee will meet and rank the top 15 essays and choose the winners. The winners will be announced and presented with the awards at our July 6th Delegates meeting.

Letters from L.A.

Letters from L.A. is a letter writing campaign for our men and women from

the LAPD and the LA Sheriffs Department who are deployed over in Iraq fighting in the war. Thousands of cards have been printed and distributed to the divisions to be signed and then forwarded to the LAPD Military Liaison to be mailed. The cards should be dropped off to the Military Liaison whose address is on the back of the envelopes. The League wants to make sure our members know we support them and want them to return home safely. If you would like to receive some cards, please call and leave your name, call back number and address on my phone at (213) 251-4590. Sergeant Andrea Grossman, who

is the driving force behind the campaign, deserves special thanks.

Harbor Division In-N-Out Day

On April 15, 2004, the In-N-Out truck and your League Directors went to Harbor station to thank the men and women for their hard work, dedication and to answer questions they may have. The weather was great. The morale was awesome and the officers love working for Captains Pesquera and Gannon. Harbor Division is one of the Divisions I am assigned to and what a great division it is. President Robert Baker and Directors Paul Weber, Tim Sands, Feni Ricard of the League's Insurance staff and I were present to interact with over 300 members all day long.

The purpose behind the In-N-Out day is for membership outreach. We all remember the first day of the academy when you sign your life away. No one remembers, years later, what they signed up for. We are there to assist our members to ensure they are getting the best and most complete level of protection with life insurance, Delta Dental, Enhanced Legal Plan, long term disability insurance plans, and to pre-designate your treating physician. Also, to make sure your beneficiaries are up to date. As time goes on, your life changes and so do your needs.

Numerous members were surprised when they found out that they only had the basic life insurance when they thought they had the highest level of coverage. Other members were shocked to discover their ex's were still the beneficiaries. Please take a few moments during the outreach days to review all of your policies and to make sure you are signed up with the various programs we offer.

I am proud to announce that we have added a new panel attorney, James Peterson, who is an expert in estate planning. The League is constantly striving to provide benefits to our members that will provide protection for your hard-earned money, assets and other wealth you have acquired over the years. Estate planning which incorporates living trusts are very important matters that we tend to overlook until it is too late. There have been several incidents over the past few months involving our members who never thought a crisis would happen to them. One of our members who has been married for several years, just weeks ago was discussing the importance of having his wife on their bank accounts, mortgage and possibly obtaining a living trust.

Unfortunately, this officer got into a severe accident on his way home from work and the doctors did not think he would make it. Amazingly, several days later with short term memory loss, a jaw broken in several places, and unable to write, the officer pulled through. Meanwhile, his wife was unable to gain access into his accounts to pay for the mortgage and other bills. I must take a moment and thank the LAPFCU for assisting the above member and his wife during this crisis. Had the LAPFCU not gone over and beyond the call of duty, the wife would have had to go to court to obtain a financial power of attorney which could have taken months and cost much more money.

Please protect your family and loved ones either through a living trust, or by having your significant other on all of the accounts to avoid any unforeseen crisis. If you are interested in estate planning please call the League for a one-hour referral to an attorney who does estate planning. Be safe out there.♦

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Work Comp Update Soon

Luther Lutz

I would like to take a minute to apologize to the officers that I have not called back in response to the messages you left on my voice mail and to the officers that I did not call back after speaking with them and telling them I would call back after looking into their issues. I get a lot of calls every day on my voice mail, as do all the directors. Sometimes the messages state the nature of the problem, which gives me time to research the answer before I call back. Sometimes the message only says that I have a question and need to talk to you. When I call back, if I do not know the answer, then I have to do some research and call back.

That is where the problem comes in. I write all my messages in a spiral notebook, which tells me who called, when I called back and how the problem was resolved or what I have to do to try to get the problem taken care of. If I did not resolve the problem, I write myself instructions on what I have to do and that I have to call the officer back because the problem has not been resolved.

Unfortunately, the notebook got mixed up with some other material that I placed in the "burn box" and it contained information regarding the officers I was supposed to call back and the issues that I was doing follow-up work to try to resolve the various issues for the officers that had called. The officers that I could remember, I called back. But if I have not called you back, I apologize and ask

that you give me a call.

Centurion Football Team News

On Saturday, May 8, 2004, the LAPD Centurion football team played the LA Heat. The game was held at their new home site, Serra High School, 14830 Van Ness, Gardena. The game started off right and the Centurions scored a field goal on their first drive. The game turned out to be an exciting high scoring game and the Centurions pulled it out with a 45 to 42 victory. The lead changed sides more times than I can remember and it was an exciting offensive game. There was a lot of hard hitting and good old fashioned football. It was interesting to note that while the team has several new players there were some players that have been on the team for years. Watching them take some of the hits that they took brought back memories (very old ones) and reminded me why being a spectator was fine for me.

As good as the game was, I was disappointed that the bleachers were so sparsely filled with spectators. Most of the spectators at the game were family members of the officers that were playing. With the number of officers that are on the Department, the team deserves to have a bigger audience than were sitting in the bleachers at the last game. I know everyone is busy, but I encourage you to come out and spend a few afternoons a

year to attend some of the football games and support our team, the LAPD Centurions. To find the location and time of the game, check the team's web site, LAPD Centurions. I will buy a soda and hot dog for whoever drives the farthest or comes with the most people to watch the game and support the Centurion's efforts. Remember, any money raised by the team goes to the Los Angeles Blind Children's Center. So support the team and support the team's efforts to raise money for a worthy cause.

Workers' Compensation Update

As most of you know, new legislation was passed that will have a great impact on how injured workers will be treated and compensated as the result of a work-related injury. The legislation that was passed was not read by most of the legislators that voted for it. Since they had not read the legislation, there was no way they understood what they had voted on and passed. All they knew is that some kind of workers' compensation reform had to be passed so we are now stuck with what was passed.

The day after the news media announced the passage of the workers' compensation reform, I started getting telephone calls wanting to know when the League was going to put out a bulletin as to how the bill was going to impact officers.

The problem with putting out a bulletin or an article on this subject is that it is too early to tell the exact ramifications of the reform. I have talked with several workers' compensation attorneys and their response is that who knows or it is too early to tell. Some of the changes that are clear are how physical therapy and chiropractic care will be treated.

If you have a workers' compensation claim for an injury that occurred after January 1, 2004, there is a cap of 24 vis-

its for physical therapy and chiropractic visits. After 24 visits for physical therapy or chiropractic treatment your case is referred to a utilization review board to determine if your treatment is necessary, according to the treatment protocol prescribed by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM). Based on the review by the utilization review board your treatment could be terminated.

If your injury occurred before January 1, 2004, the cap does not apply. However, all treatment protocol is now controlled by the ACOEM guidelines. Therefore, even if you have lifetime medical and you have been going to a chiropractor or physical therapy for years your treatment could be terminated. If you continue to receive treatment, your case will be referred to the utilization review board and your treatment could be terminated under the ACOEM guidelines.

There are many more changes regarding workers' compensation. Some of these will dictate which doctors you can see, the time period the employer can control what doctor you use, the use of pre-designated physicians, how you get second and third opinions when you are not satisfied with the doctor that is treating you. The League has scheduled meetings with the Department's third party workers' compensation carrier, Cambridge, to try to determine how these changes will be implemented. The League will be working very closely with Cambridge to ensure officers that are injured in the line of duty are treated fairly and receive the best medical care possible. I will keep you informed of how you will be impacted by all the changes in the workers' compensation reform and soon as I can get some agreement from the parties responsible for handling the claims that are filed.

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ORGANIZATIONAL ETHICS

Peter Repovich

We've all seen various corporate characters do the "perp walk" on the evening news – from Martha Stewart to Enron's Ken Lay; we see them as they are brought up on charges related to various corporate ethics violations, from infractions influenced by judgment calls to major fraud schemes that involved serious planning, and serious criminal activities.

Whether or not the latest corporate ethics scandals have run their course, they are serving to underscore the value and importance of honesty and ethical practices in everything we do. One of the effects of the very public legal battles involving these corporate figures is a greater focus on business ethics and social responsibility at not only our nation's largest corporate and governmental entities, but also many local operations. Leaders of companies are beginning to take a hard look at how their actions affect not only those within their companies or organizations, but also those on the outside – whether customers, neighbors, business partners, members, the government or other nations.

We can all ultimately learn from this situation in our roles as leaders in various aspects of our lives. Whether you are in a leadership position at the LAPD, serving as a delegate with the LAPPL or handling leadership duties in the community, at church or another organization, we all must take into account the impact our decisions have and how ethics and attitudes play into what decisions we make. You don't have to be at a big corporation to make ethics a priority – all organizations benefit from ethical behavior.

Many law enforcement and corporate failures today are also attributable to the same problems: ethics. Reading the newspaper today, it's clear that in both government and the private sector, we see arrogance. Ethics are not simply connected to knowing what is right – a large component of being an ethical person is also making decisions that benefit others, not just yourself. Being ethical means sometimes making choices that do not benefit you personally and do not provide you with personal gain. Rather, it involves choices that benefit the masses or otherwise bring success to your organization because of the positive impact the choice will have on a greater scope, not the individual basis.

And being ethical also does not necessarily mean that you champion every cause of those around you or that you are politically correct in every case. But an ethical person will consider every viewpoint and every alternative before making a decision that is the best course of action for the company or organization and its concerned audiences.

Many people do not realize it, but the actions and ethics of leaders within an organization ultimately influence those of the people below them, and so on, down through the organization. So, for

example, at the LAPD, it is of utmost importance that Chief Bratton and the Command Staff continue to set the tone, ensuring their decisions are based on solid ethics. If they vary from this path, we would be left with a very ineffective, inefficient organization where individuals would be making self-benefiting decisions and not considering the impact these decisions or the trend this behavior has on the LAPD as a whole.

Every LAPD employee's commitment to ethical conduct must guide every decision made. That commitment isn't confined to law enforcement practices, important as those are. We must work hard to do what's right in other areas, too. For example, I'm very proud of the record the LAPD has built up as a leader in diversity.

In the best-case scenario, a few individuals may be offended by the leader's actions and may react with a slowdown in work, a criticism of the actions or by leaving. But in the worst case, when many individuals are impacted, it could lead to a severe hindrance in our ability to protect the city or other gross inefficiencies that make it difficult to do our jobs.

The impact of poor ethics in an organization can be serious. A 2000 survey by the Ethics Resource Center found that 43 percent of respondents believed their supervisors don't set good examples of integrity. The same percentage felt pressured to compromise their organization's ethics on the job.

But good ethics can also have a serious impact – on creating a successful organization that readily serves the needs of its audiences. The Ethics Resources Center study also found that managers' efforts to instill good business ethics were welcomed overwhelmingly by workers. A host of other studies have shown that employees who perceive their companies to have a conscience possess a higher level of job satisfaction and feel

more valued as workers. "We found a strong connection between employees' perception of their leaders and their own ethical behavior," Josh Joseph, a top researcher of the ethics center, said in a *BusinessWeek* article discussing ethics in the workplace.

So we know that ethics are influenced by those around you and their choices in behavior, that good ethics involve integrity and good choices that positively impact not simply yourself, and that an organization with good ethical leadership can ultimately run more efficiently and create more positive benefits for its key audiences.

But good ethics are not something that are developed overnight or that are even exclusively within us. A typically ethical person can experience a slip up if he or she makes a decision out of revenge or spite or uses his or her power to gain favor in a situation that brings personal benefits. Even factors like workload or, especially, co-workers, impact ethical behavior – if you are too busy to notice the bad behavior happening around you or you are pressured into a certain action by a colleague, this could be considered unethical.

For the good of the LAPD, the LAPPL and the other organizations with which we are involved, it is important that we develop a habit of good ethics, at all levels of these organizations. Our decisions and viewpoints should be rooted in fairness and consideration of others, and we must share these practices with those around us. Oftentimes we may have to compromise our own personal beliefs or opinions in order to be ethical – as one ethics expert pointed out, Mark Twain's piece of wisdom is particularly insightful in this situation: "The secret of success is honesty and

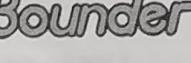
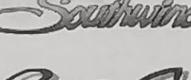
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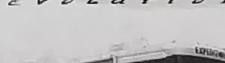
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"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

-John Donne

The Long Journey of Officer Shooter

Part 7-The Desk and a Trip to BSS

[Review of Part 6. Officer Shooter has finished having his weapon tested at the Firearms Analysis Unit. He has seen that his officer-involved-shooting has resulted in headlines accusing him of "gunning down an unarmed juvenile." Through inattention he was almost broadsided by a bus.]

Benched

After my admin day off, I reported to duty and found myself assigned to the desk.

"Routine," the watch commander said, "you have to be cleared by BSS to go back in the field. Everyone does."

My appointment with the Department psychologist was for the next day. The day after that, I was confident, I would be back in my black and white. Good, I thought. I needed to feel normal.

The day passed slowly. Phones. Reports. Code-seven inside the station. My fellow officers made small excuses to come to the front desk and each offered me encouragement, or just said a pleasant hello to let me know that their opinion of me was unaffected by the publicity. The sense of "police family" warmed me like a blanket on a cold day.

It was almost end of watch when I went in to remind the watch commander that I would be late the next day because of my scheduled session with the Behavioral Science Services psychologist.

"This just came in," the watch commander said, "you are to call Training Division and set up a training session on tactics."

"Remedial training? Why?"

"Guess somebody downtown has a concern about your tactics."

"Already? The report isn't even in." I said.

"A little extra training never hurt anybody," the watch commander said. "Besides, it says you can't go back into the field until you complete the training." He handed me the number for training.

Suddenly, I didn't care if I went back in the field. I felt convicted without trial. I knew that after the investigation and a recommendation of a Use-of-Force Board, I could be ordered to training, but that was months away. I knew that if I went up for remedial training, the word would spread like wildfire that I had done something wrong.

Every officer involved in a shooting went to BSS so nothing negative was attached to it, but the same was not true of being ordered to training. I was being singled out for a special trip to training. I was offended.

Privately, I agreed with the watch commander that extra training was good. I even wanted to discuss my tactics with the experts at the Academy and learn from this experience. But not like this. I resolved to never make that call unless given a direct order to do so. I would stay on the desk until hell froze over, or until I got a fair and complete investigation of the facts, whichever occurred first.

Perspective Use-of-Force

Sgt Harry "Andy" Mark
cer In Charge of the Tactics Division

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Unit. He is responsible for assisting in the development of the recruit training curriculum and responsible for the content of the training. To that end, he supervises a unit of seventeen officers with the help of an assistant OIC. His duties do not end there. He sits as an advisor for Use-of-Force Boards, testifies in civil trials as the Department expert on uses of force, appears for depositions as the "person most knowledgeable" about training, testifies at Boards of Rights on tactics, and personally does training in sergeant's school, in-service school, Consent Decree modules, and FTO school. And then there is the individual training of officers at the direction of the Police Commission after a recommendation by a Use-of-Force Board.

Andy, as he is known, has seventeen years on the job and has worked Southeast Patrol, Newton Patrol, West Valley Patrol and Vice, Administrative Vice and then made sergeant. As a sergeant he worked Van Nuys Patrol and Vice and then, six years ago, was recruited into Training Division.

Andy described the system currently in place for carrying out a Police Commission order to train an officer after a Use-of-Force Board. The Commission, after considering the recommendation of the Chief of Police, orders an officer to training. The Chief of Police lists the topics that need to be covered. The officer's captain requests in writing that Training Division provide the training on the listed topics. Sergeant Markel receives the request and makes a determination as to the type of training most appropriate. It could be one-on-one training with a supervisor, or a session with the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS), or some roll playing in the Simunition (paint ball) scenarios, or any combination of the three. After successful completion of the training by the officer, Andy documents the types of training given and the officer's response to the training. If the training is approved by the commanding officer of Training Division as meeting the Chief's criteria, a notification is sent back to the Chief of Police that the ordered training has been completed. The training is documented in the officer's TEAMS.

Sergeant Markel is in an excellent position to give advice on avoiding the most frequent mistakes made by officers engaged in the use of force.

"Communication is number one," he says, "and communication means communicating both with your fellow officers AND Communications Division."

He also explains that understanding Department tactical concepts is important. It is important to understand the concept to make the appropriate tactical decision in the thousands of variations in which events can unfold. Andy advises to be flexible in your planning.

"Do not be afraid to request necessary resources," he says, "getting back-up, or requesting assistance, is sometimes delayed because an officer may be waiting to see if the request is 'really necessary' due to a concern that other officers on the watch may be critical of an officer who is too quick to request help. The delay in requesting the extra assets may turn out to be critical."

"Finally," Andy adds, "do not be hesitant to use force when it is necessary. Currently, there seems to be a trend

across the Department to hesitate to use force. Excessive force is never condoned, but do not hand the tactical advantage to the suspect through hesitation when the use of force is required to carry out your lawful duties."

Perspective of a Behavioral Science Services Psychologist

Doctor Gerald Sweet first began working around police officers when he was employed in a teaching hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He was the coordinator of emergency room mental health services in the hospital. Part of his job was interacting with the area police departments and training officers in dealing with citizens and suspects with mental health problems. This experience got him interested in the police and forensic areas of psychology. He has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Clinical and Forensic Psychology. Doctor Sweet has examined suspects to determine their competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility. He has also done criminal analysis of behavior (formerly "profiling") for the benefit of law enforcement. Nine years ago, Doctor Sweet came out to Los Angeles and joined the LAPD Behavioral Science Services (BSS). His duties include counseling and crisis intervention for officers, teaching, organizational consultation, and debriefing of officers involved in shootings. He is also assigned to the Special Operations Bureau where he works with Deputy Chief Hillmann and the supervisors and officers in Metro, Air Support, and Special Operations Support Division.

Debriefings of officers after shootings were called "Special Order 23 Interviews" until last year. Special Order 23 stated that an officer could not go back to field duty until cleared by BSS. After the officer was cleared, their commanding officer would return the officer to full duty. Special Order 21, issued last year, added the Chief of Police to the review process before an officer was cleared for full duty. Tactical issues may keep an officer on the desk even if cleared by BSS.

When an officer is involved in a shooting, Doctor Sweet or one of the other BSS psychologists is contacted by the commanding officer and an appointment is made for the officer for a Special Order 21 interview. Prior to the interview, Doctor Sweet will phone the commanding officer and find out the circumstances of the shooting.

At the interview, Doctor Sweet will first inform the officer of the goal of the process, namely to talk about the OIS and how the officer is reacting to it. Next, Doctor Sweet discusses the nature of the confidentiality that exists between him and the officer. He tells the officer that only four things will be related to his CO. First, he will confirm that the interview took place. Second, he will tell the CO if he has any concern about the officer's well-being. Third, he will provide a recommendation about the officer's work assignment and return to full duty. And fourth, he will advise the CO if he has any recommendation for follow-up at BSS regarding the OIS. This feedback is done orally (nothing is written) and only to the CO. Finally, Doctor Sweet tells the officer that at the end of the interview, he will tell the officer exactly what he is going to tell the CO.

With the ground rules firmly laid, Doctor Sweet will begin the interview. He will start by reviewing the officer's LAPD history - past assignments, past shootings, open personnel complaints, problems in current assignment, and so on. Then he will ask the officer to describe the shooting to him as it happened. He wants to see the shooting from the officer's perspective. He is then

interested in the events that happen after the shooting - the wait at the station, the interviews, the walk-through, phone calls to loved ones, etc. He finds that for the most part the officers understand that it is going to be a long night and accept the fact that the Department needs to do a thorough investigation.

Next comes a discussion of the officer's activities after going end of watch. Doctor Sweet asks about conversations with family, sleep, appetite, and phone calls from coworkers. He asks about how the officer is feeling since the shooting. How is (s)he getting along with people? Does the officer feel like his/her normal self? Is the officer having any dreams, recurrent thoughts or concerns about the shooting? Is the officer concerned about the suspect who may have been shot? The answers to these questions help doctor Sweet evaluate how the officer is reacting to the use of force experience. The next concern is how the officer will react to future uses of force. Doctor Sweet asks the officer how (s)he thinks this use of force experience will impact the way in which (s)he approaches his/her work.

Doctor Sweet will then broaden the inquiry by asking the officer if there are any other major stresses in his/her life. He inquires about the officer's physical and mental health. Finally, he asks probably the most important question - When does the officer feel that he or she will be ready to go back in the field?

The Special Order 21 interview can take anywhere from forty-five minutes to two hours. At the end, Doctor Sweet advises the officer of what he will say to the officer's commanding officer. He gives the officer a two-page handout on "Critical Incident Stress." He encourages officers to be aware of how they are dealing with the shooting and the review process. He talks with them about delayed reactions (nightmares, anxiety, change in work habits, decreased appetite, sleep disturbance, and decreased sex drive). "Watch for these signs in yourself and your partner," he counsels. He also tells the officer that he is available if anything related to the shooting comes up and encourages the officer to call as needed.

Assuming that Doctor Sweet has determined that the officer is ready to return to full duty, he will call the officer in four to eight weeks to do a telephone follow-up. If all is well, the case is closed. A followup appointment may be offered when needed.

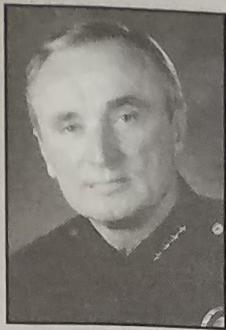
Doctor Sweet has seen an increasing concern over the years among police officers regarding the use of force, including firing their weapons. This concern is related to the Department's review processes and its assessment of the shooting.

"Don't suffer alone." Doctor Sweet says, "Get some help to get through this. One benefit of working for the LAPD is the availability of a large mental health service that is available to all officers. Use it."

Two Kinds of Service

As I drove away from the session with the Behavioral Science Services shrink, I did feel better. He encouraged me to have a long talk with my wife for her sake, if not mine. I realized that she was impacted by all of this too. It wasn't just my problem. He thought I was overreacting in my resistance to training, but I didn't see eye to eye with him on that. Training wasn't the issue to me. He ultimately stayed non-judgmental on the issue. He was right on the money on other things he told me involving shootings. I was glad I had gone to the interview and if I wanted to talk with him again, all I had to do was phone.

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A Message From Chief Bratton

by Chief William Bratton

As we move forward in 2004, the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department have much to be proud of. Over the last 20 months, through an incredible amount of smart policing and hard work, you have proven to our communities—our stakeholders—that through assertive and focused community policing, we can have a significant positive impact on crime and quality of life issues here in the City of Los Angeles.

You have shown repeatedly that we can achieve ambitious goals—like the impressive reduction in homicides last year and the reductions in violent crime this year. But just as important, you have proven it can be done consistently, compassionately, and constitutionally. Your commitment over the last year and a half has led to significant and unprecedented support from the communities you are policing and their leadership, be it religious, cultural or political.

One of the best examples of this was in February, when African American ministers and other activists in the City gathered at the West Angeles Church of God in Christ to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Los Angeles Police Department to protest the violence directed at their police officers. Going one step further, these leaders also called on their communities and con-

gregations to step forward and partner with police and to no longer remain silent about crimes being committed in their neighborhoods and on their streets. In other words, to make a difference, they had to be the difference. I consider this to be a watershed moment in our continuing effort to rebuild trust and strengthen our Department's relationship with the minority communities of Los Angeles.

Another example occurred this past April as the Los Angeles City Council passed a motion introduced by Councilman Martin Ludlow and Councilwoman Janice Hahn. They spearheaded an increase in reward money from \$25,000 to \$75,000 for those who come forward and provide information leading to the arrest of suspects committing crimes against public safety personnel. This is a direct result of the 21 percent increase in shots fired at officers in the line of duty in 2003. As you work to reduce violent crime and go after the worst of the worst, the gangs on the streets are feeling the heat. Unfortunately some are choosing to push back in violent ways. It is my strong belief that as we continue to rebuild commitment and trust with our many diverse communities, that more people will begin to come forward with information that will help us arrest those who are attacking our front line officers.

Another example of community support recently came from the Los Ange-

les Urban League. At their Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Dinner in April, a videotape presentation was shown to the 1500 guests. The presentation highlighted the positive working relationship between Department personnel and leaders in the African American community. It shows that as part of our commitment to have a Department whose members are reflective of the many diverse communities we serve, together we are trying to increase the number of African American candidates and ultimately officers in our ranks.

Key players in these efforts were Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade President Danny Bakewell and Urban League President John Mack who stated, "There has clearly been a major turning point in the relationship with the LAPD and the African American community."

We are also seeing support of our efforts from the news media in this City. Oftentimes in the past, and sometimes rightfully so, many media outlets have been critical of the Department, but that is also beginning to change. Recently, the *Los Angeles Sentinel*, during Black History Month, published several articles on new partnerships being formed between many African American community groups and the Los Angeles Police Department. And as I have mentioned previously, even the *Los Angeles Times* in an editorial titled "A Blue Line Stretched Thin" states "The city cannot tolerate attacks on its police force. Nor can the City Council abandon its efforts to hire more cops." This is unprecedented and much needed support from highly influential and respected news sources.

As you can see, we have begun to see a turnaround in our relations with many of the communities, leaders and news outlets that have often been critical of the Department in the past. There is a new appreciation by many people in this

City for the work that you do on a daily basis, for putting your lives on the line, and for the effective and efficient job that you do with the limited resources available. This appreciation has lead to increased involvement and support by a growing number of city residents and community leaders. More and more are coming forward to partner with us and provide information that will help us make arrests, solve crimes and reduce the fear and violence that permeates so many of our neighborhoods.

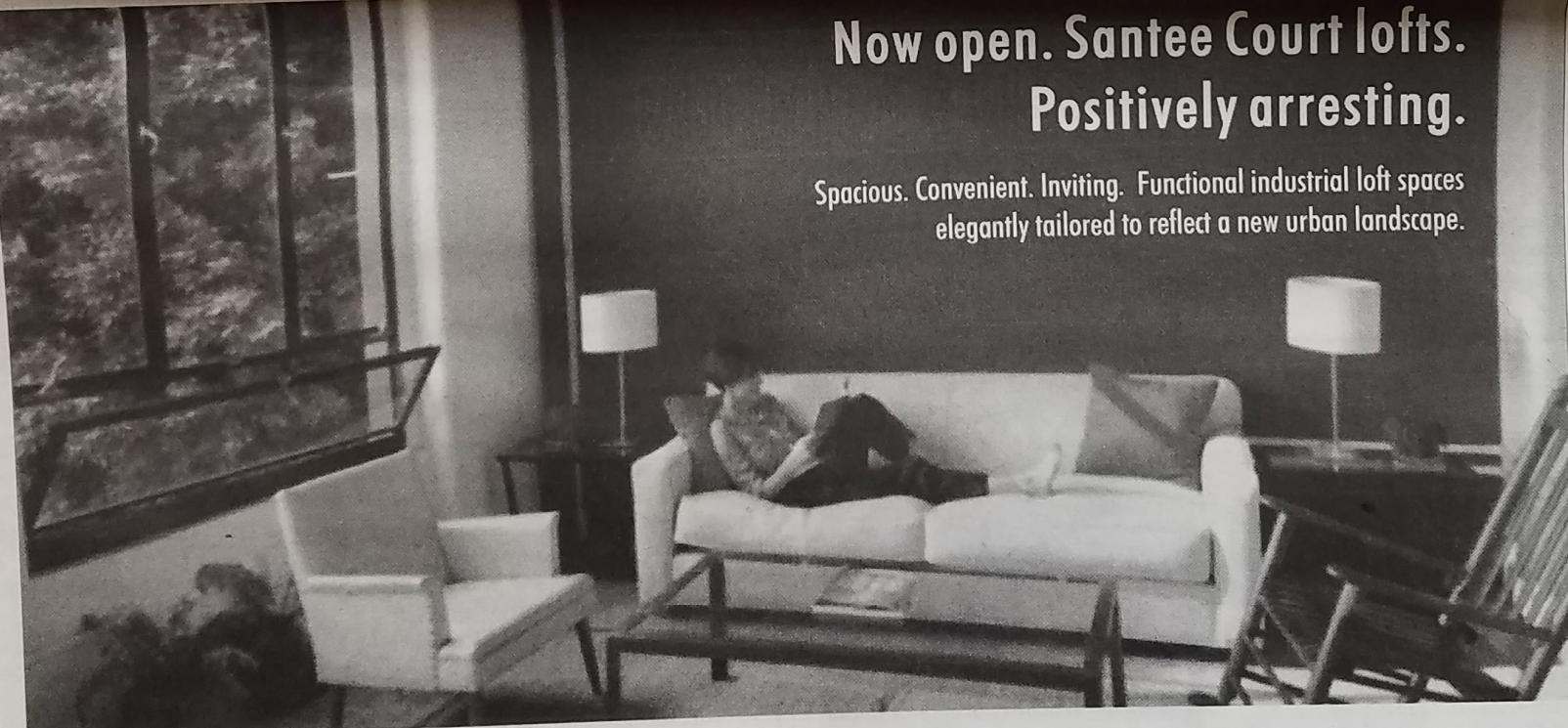
It is my hope that this show of support and trust from the community for you, the men and women of this Department, will ultimately result in increased police funding. A half-cent county sales tax initiative, led by Sheriff Lee Baca would only cost people fifteen cents a day for an additional 1,500 to 1,800 officers for the LAPD (and 3,200 more for the rest of the county). With that number, we could tip this city in the right direction. We could maintain a reduction in crime and have officers available to saturate areas during spikes in crime, while improving officer safety with significantly more police on the streets at all hours of the day.

With the support of the people of Los Angeles, elected officials, and the Police Protective League, we have a golden opportunity to create a golden era, here in the golden state. I believe Angelenos are ready to move into a new era. To live in a city where crime isn't a major concern and where a sluggish economy can once again flourish.

Your work has, over the past year and a half, made the strongest case for additional support for this Department. By continuing on this course, and building on the trust of those that we are sworn to protect and to serve, we move closer to making Los Angeles the safest big city in America—not only for the residents of this great city, but for you—the best cops in America. ♦

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Death-verdict appeals compound vile crimes

Daily News Op-Ed, April 6, 2004

by Bob Baker

"Justice delayed is justice denied." These words accurately describe the contemptible farce that California's death-penalty system has become.

The state's condemned inmates, fortunate to live in the jurisdiction of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, are far more likely to peacefully pass away from old age than to be executed for their horrendous crimes.

Meanwhile, the families of the murdered are left to contemplate the backward "morality" of these criminals, with the knowledge that their loved ones were not given the opportunity granted to those on Death Row: the chance to appeal for their lives.

The "game" in the death-penalty appeal process, as played by defense attorneys and their co-conspirators, the judges, follows a familiar script:

The trial judge was either inept or biased, the police corrupt or incompetent, and the jury negligent. Almost

every argument in death-penalty appeals fits one of these categories.

The game then begins: Find some District Court judge or 9th Circuit justice to buy into your argument and either grant you a new trial or disregard a legitimate death-penalty verdict.

Precedent is beginning to make me think that the "9" in 9th Circuit stands for the 9-0 votes that the judges unanimously grant in favor of the criminals on Death Row.

Now we see this happening all over again. The script has been followed to a T by attorney Michael Snedeker.

Twenty years after an initial decision was handed down, Snedeker has invoked the hackneyed "my client was framed" and "the cops were corrupt" arguments in filing an appeal on behalf of his client, Daniel Jenkins, who is currently on Death Row for the first-degree murder with special circumstances of Los Angeles Police Department Detective Tom Williams in 1985.

Detective Williams was murdered, as

his 6-year-old son watched, in retaliation for his testimony against Jenkins in a trial on armed robbery and assault.

Slandering without a shred of evidence the diligent police work of LAPD detectives, Snedeker seeks to keep convicted murderer Jenkins alive, once again demonstrating the selfishness and bizarre "morality" of Death Row inmates and their attorneys, who apparently believe the crime is more important than the punishment.

The sad fact that criminals' natural deaths more likely occur before their sentences are carried out is most tragically illustrated by the case of Theodore Frank, who was convicted of the brutal rape, torture and murder of 2-year-old Amy Sue Seitz in 1978. Kept alive by bogus appeals, Frank died of natural causes in 1991. His meritless appeals were still inching through the system.

Even when the final moments are at hand, the murderer can count on some anti-death-penalty member of the 9th Circuit — supported by a picket line of activists — to grant a last-minute stay. Who can forget the circus surrounding the execution of double murderer Robert Alton Harris as 9th Circuit judges repeatedly granted stays of execution at the last moments, only to have the stays lifted by the U.S. Supreme Court? The farce ended only when the Supreme Court was forced to take the unprece-

dented step of removing jurisdiction from the 9th Circuit, forbidding it to issue any more orders in the case.

Our judges are failing us. The defense lawyers who continue to manipulate our justice system for the sake of prolonging criminals' lives will always be with us. But we can influence who fills the judges' seats in the 9th Circuit, and we need to ensure that these judges are ruling according to the law, not going above it according to their own prejudices.

One can be sure that when this latest appeal in the case of Daniel Jenkins fails, his attorney will likely advance the latest death-penalty argument — that the execution is cruel and unusual because too many years have passed since the crime and conviction. To this argument, I respond: Was the same consideration given to Jenkins' victim, a loving husband and father of two young children?

So long as a majority of the judges of the 9th Circuit believe they can and should impose their personal opposition to the death penalty over the legislated wishes of the people of California, we can expect these outrageous miscarriages of justice to continue. This failure to administer justice also encourages the criminals of our state to treat the criminal-justice system with utter contempt. The punishment in these cases is death, and the integrity of our justice system will only deteriorate further if we continue to let these criminals live.

Bob Baker is President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League. ♦

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was very non-specific about who was and wasn't an EXEMPT employee. Many believed that the reason for the general, non-specific wording of the regulations is that it would have allowed DOL to rule as they saw fit. You see, they not only wrote the regulations, by law they also interpret the regulations.

TB-3 lobbied hard to force DOL to be more precise about their job-related definitions. Some of those tests include the officer's primary duty assignment. For example, prevents and/or detects crime; pursues, restrains, apprehends and/or interrogates suspects; investigates crimes and prepares reports; investigates traffic collisions; conducts surveillances and does "other similar work." However, what is not clear is how much or what percent of the primary duty assignment is required? Also unclear are officers who are assigned to specialized divisions such as training?

While the final regulations are much more precise than DOL's original generalities, they still leave many questions

unanswered. IUPA believes that the "Failure by the Department of Labor to more clearly define the status of these officers may result in a significant amount of costly litigation to clarify the impact of these rules changes despite the claim that all police officers regardless of rank or pay scale will be protected."

One of the primary tools used by TB-3 was the Harkin Amendment. It simply stated that "None of the funds provided under this Act (federal budget bill) shall be used to promulgate or implement any regulation that exempts from the requirements of section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 213) [the law that says police employees get time and a half for overtime] any employee who is not otherwise exempted pursuant to regulations under section 13 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 213) that were in effect as of September 3, 2003."

That is Washington speak to say that 1.) NO funds can be used to enforce the new overtime rules if overtime is taken away from a peace officer; and 2.) the Harkin Amendment is only effective IF an employee loses overtime based on the new regulations. ♦

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fair dealing. If you can fake these, you've got it made." Whether or not we truly believe in the decisions we make, we must overcome the urge to make choices that only bring us benefits — and instead turn our attention to the commu-

nity, fellow officers, local businesses, city leaders and others impacted by our actions to uphold our integrity in the view of these important audiences. The personal benefit will eventually come back to us in the form of increased collaboration, greater support and, in the case of the LAPD, success in achieving our goal of preserving public safety in Los Angeles. ♦

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I was in a relatively good mood as I drove down the street leading to my house and thought about what I would say to my wife. Although I was preoccupied as I approached my driveway, I noticed a strange vehicle on the street with a person crouched behind the steering wheel in a manner that set my internal cop alarms screaming. I was being stalked out!

I swung into my driveway and watched the vehicle in my side mirror. The vehicle's door opened and the driver exited and began rapidly walking towards my driveway. I jumped out of my vehicle and placed my hand in the small of my back around the grips of my back-up gun. I could see both of the driver's hands as he approached. He had a sheaf

of papers in his right hand, the other was empty. As he walked up to me, I could see that he was nervous.

"You're served," he said as he handed me the sheaf of papers. He rapidly retreated to his vehicle and it roared away down the street.

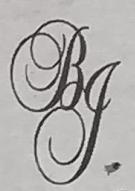
I looked in shock at the sheaf of papers. It was a federal lawsuit. I expected to be sued, but how did they know where I lived? I flipped through the papers and words leaped out at me. "Violation of civil rights." "Conspiracy to violate civil rights." "Negligence." "Unlawful death." "Punitive damages."

I wasn't feeling better any longer. I looked toward my front door and saw my wife standing there looking at me, her hand in its familiar position over her mouth.

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Re: Officer Ricardo Lizarraga
Memorial Tribute

On behalf of the men and women of Newton Area, may I extend our sincere appreciation and warmest regards to you all for the beautiful framed memorial tribute to P.O. II Ricardo Lizarraga. The memorial is most impressive in both size and content. Your heartfelt messages of sympathy coupled with the poignant graphics are a fitting testimonial to this fine young officer who was so tragically taken from us. While we are still reeling with grief from the loss, we have found great comfort in your thoughtful messages. Every day our officers stop to read the various inscriptions, ever mindful of our friend and partner, Ricky.

The area intends to hang the memorial prominently in the station so that Ricky may be forever immortalized in the minds and hearts of our current and future employees. It will be a source of great pride and consolation

to all officers.

Once again, many, many thanks for your gracious generosity and extraordinary kindness. Please know that your special gift and inspiring words of support have provided us with the strength to press forward in our mission and have helped us to reconcile the sorrow in our hearts.

Sean K. Kane, Captain
Commanding Officer
Newton Area

Dear Paul,

I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you for all the hard work you put towards settling my grievance. I appreciate your persistence! You really go above and beyond.

Thanks again!
Teresa Pikor, #33393

Subject: Photos and patches
Hi,

My name is Tom. I live in Australia and I collect photos of police cars and also collect patches and I was wondering if there was any chance that we could swap photos or even patches. If this is possible, please write back.

Thanks.
Tom
betty74@optusnet.com.au

Dear Officer Timothy Sands:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department Peer Counseling Program, I would like to thank you for the generous \$300 donation the Los Angeles Police Protective League made to our program and to the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Our volunteer counselors face a difficult task ahead as they work to support the men and women of this department during personal and professional crises. Your donation will continue to help support the program and ensure that the over 275 peer counselors continue to receive training and provide training to new peer counselors. Once again, thank you for your contribution to the program.

Very truly yours,
Raymond L. Maltese, Sergeant
Executive Director
Peer Counseling Steering Committee

Los Angeles Police Protective League
Dear Editor,

While reading the March '04 issue of *The Thin Blue Line*, I was saddened to read of the passing of Officer Luke M. McDermott, Jr., #5261. He went EOW on December 26, 2003. Luke served the city from January 5, 1948 until January 16, 1973. The EOW notice is the basic info and lists him as a P-II retiring from WLA.

I remember meeting Luke in 1968. I was waiting to be assigned a class to join LAPD. I think Luke was assigned to an 8-FB unit working Westwood Village. My wife worked in the village at a restaurant. Often I would swing by and wait for her to get off. Luke would stop, if I was there, and share some history of the LAPD.

I'm sure some of the tales I heard were "editorially enhanced." You know when cops get to telling stories, how the truth occasionally gets stretched.

One that comes to mind was about the wild deer that occasionally became Party-2 in traffic collisions up in the hills of WLA Division. At that time, WLA was way out west and had their

own dispatching. In L.A., people (defendants) could serve their misdemeanor jail time in an LAPD jail. West L.A. station was on Purdue Street next to the WLA Court. Serving time at WLA was a h— of a lot better than doing time downtown, and those serving knew it well and were a happy bunch. Well, anyway, when the call would come in to the station about the deer's demise, a car would be dispatched from WLA. (&nit 8L13, a deer down at 1234 Somewhere Drive, handle code 2.) The deer would be brought to the station (in the black and white's trunk, on a fender, or...?) and a trustee (prisoner) would hang it up in the south side station breezeway. It was then rendered useable as venison. A system was in place where the parties involved would share in the bounty. It was something like this: The Watch Commander (almost always a lieutenant) would get his share, the desk sergeant (or AWC), desk officer and unit picking up the deer each got a cut. The rest or more undesirable cuts would go to the jail. It was usually ground up for venison burgers or whatever. Of course, eating venison at WLA jail wasn't too bad a way to do your DUI time or whatever.

Please understand that was the way things were done then, and do not reflect our modern policies or procedures. I wonder how many sworn officers and supervisors would be involved in working that into the Consent Decree paper mill.

Also, please understand while Luke McDermott was to me the most honest and perfect image of LAPD's finest, stories like that may have been a little bit embellished for the listener's benefit.

I know of many hundreds of similar tales. Like a certain sergeant's Marine Corps saber versus the neighbor's dog, an officer's on-duty trip to a far land in a black/white...well, I'm sure you have heard them. Please take the time to listen to some of the stories from the older,

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END OF WATCH

NAME: Geraldine F. Auth #3203
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Jail Division
BORN: June 11, 1922
APPT: October 1, 1944
RETIRED: July 19, 1964
DIED: March 8, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: Dan Binnion #4812
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Training Division
BORN: December 12, 1918
APPT: August 1, 1947
RETIRED: August 14, 1967
DIED: March 17, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: Howard C. Brown #4882
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Personnel
BORN: No Birth Date Found
APPT: September 1, 1947
RETIRED: March 1, 1954
DIED: April 5, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: Jack L. Gray #27209
RANK: Detective II
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: December 15, 1957
APPT: December 4, 1989
ACTIVE
DIED: April 8, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: William J. Perry #5525
RANK: Sergeant II
ASSIGNED TO: Transit Division
BORN: June 12, 1921
APPT: April 26, 1948
RETIRED: June 23, 1974
DIED: April 12, 2004

NAME: Ruben A. Whittington #30206
RANK: Detective II
ASSIGNED TO: DSD
BORN: January 11, 1963
APPT: September 9, 1991
ACTIVE
DIED: April 15, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: Warren G. Schroeder #3611
RANK: Sergeant II
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: October 24, 1917
APPT: November 23, 1946
RETIRED: March 4, 1973
DIED: April 19, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: Oscar O'Lear #5269
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Frauds
BORN: September 29, 1917
APPT: January 5, 1948
RETIRED: April 17, 1976
DIED: April 20, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: William T. Roberts #4252
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Communications
BORN: July 18, 1916
APPT: July 1, 1947
RETIRED: August 10, 1967
DIED: April 27, 2004

★ ★ ★

NAME: Harry W. Killeby #2776
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: Highland Park
BORN: November 20, 1917
APPT: April 13, 1942
RETIRED: April 29, 1968
DIED: May 1, 2004

IN MEMORIAM

LAPD - In the Line of Duty

Name	Date of Death	Rank
C S BOWMAN	06/08/11	Policeman
E P BRADLEY	06/15/20	Policeman
J FITZGERALD	06/18/21	Detective Sergeant
A C MADON	06/16/35	Police Officer
J DUNPHY	06/22/54	Policeman
TOM SCEBBI	06/20/58	Policeman
CHARLES A CARACCILLO	06/21/73	Patrolman
JEFFREY B LINDENBERG	06/11/76	Police Officer
PAUL L Verna	06/02/83	Police Officer
RANDOL L MARSHALL	06/02/87	Police Officer
JAMES H PAGLIOTTI	06/22/87	Police Officer
JAMES C BEYEA	06/07/88	Policeman
CHARLES RANDALL CHAMPE	06/13/91	Police Officer
GARY ALAN HOWE	06/13/91	Police Officer
ABIEL BARRON	06/23/03	Detective

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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more seasoned types on LAPD. It's all part of OUR heritage. Learn a little of it while you can, and be proud of it, *and* pass it on.

Happily retired,
Dale Best, #14753

Subject: Matt Pavelka

On behalf of the patrol officers here at Burbank P.D., I would like to sincerely thank all of the LAPD for the tremendous outpouring of support after the

Hollenbeck CRASH when Officer Steve Gadja was killed in 1998. The response then was tremendous for Gadja as with any officer down. I never thought I would see that kind of support from another agency. The Burbank officers who know that I came from the LAPD came to me with nothing but praise for all you that assisted in the perimeter/search the night of the shooting. As well as the officers that were assigned to assist in the apprehension of the low life that fled the country after shooting Matt. We were impressed that



League President Robert Baker presents memorial plaque to Thomas Hoefel, Chief of Police Burbank P.D. in memory of Burbank Police Officer Mathew Pavelka.

tragic events in November. As an ex-LAPD officer, I was truly proud of my alma mater when they showed so much support after Matt was killed. I had the unfortunate experience of losing a partner before this tragedy. I was a member

the "Big Blue" came in to help us with the incident as if it was one of their own that had been shot and killed. Matthew's death was truly an eye opener for many officers here at Burbank who had never experienced the loss of a fellow officer.



League Board presents memorial plaque to Burbank Officer Mathew Pavelka's father, LAPD Detective Michael Pavelka. From left: Director Paul Weber, Detective Pavelka, President Robert Baker, Director Ted Hunt and Director Peter Repovich.

ers. I would like to thank the LAPPL for an outstanding plaque we now proudly display in our roll call room as well as tremendous support. Be safe and watch your back! Thanks again for a job well done!

Officer Michael Reyes

Attention: Dixie McDonald

Dear Dixie McDonald:

On behalf of the men and women of Newton Area, may I extend our sincerest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of sympathy, compassion and countless acts of kindness and generosity that have been bestowed upon the Lizarraga family, a grieving Newton Area and the department. Your expressions of support in telephone calls, flowers, letters and condolence and monetary contributions have been overwhelming and a great source of comfort and solace. The loss of Officer Ricardo Lizarraga is gut-wrenching, not only because the death of such a fine young officer diminishes

us all, but because his loss has left a cavernous void which will long be felt by those who knew him. Officer Ricky Lizarraga, who was known as a "gentle giant" and a loyal, dependable friend and partner, will be sorely missed here at Newton Area.

The date of February 20, 2004, will be indelibly etched in the memories of not only the Lizarraga family, but in those who knew Ricky and in those who are tasked with the same job and wear the same uniform, be it blue, black or tan. I know that Newton personnel will never forget Ricky. Newton officers, department personnel and the entire law enforcement community will honor his legacy of service and commitment to excellence each day.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your extraordinary kindness.

Very truly yours,
William J. Bratton
Chief of Police

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL Legislative Report

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

An end to the Workers' Comp dance was finally reached by the Governor and legislative leaders on April 15, literally hours before sponsors of the Workers' Compensation Reform Initiative were set to submit the needed signatures to qualify for the November ballot. The Workers' Comp legislative plan averts the Initiative with its \$50 to \$60 million price tag!

SB 899 (Poochigian, R - Fresno) was passed by an overwhelming vote of 77-3 in the Assembly and 34-3 in the Senate. The bill was an urgency measure, so it went into effect April 19, 2004, the day it was signed by the Governor. The bill is extremely complex, so I will try to summarize its major points. Legislative leaders and the Governor claim that the bill will save over \$5 billion annually – that's in addition to the \$7 billion saved last year – but how much will actually be passed down in reduced premiums to employers remains to be seen.

1. Medical Issues

Selection of Physician

Current law allows employers to choose a doctor for the first 30 days of treatment, after which the employee may change the medical provider and choose his/her own physician.

SB 899 establishes a "panel" of employers' doctors approved by the state. If an injured worker disagrees with the first doctor's recommendation, the worker is entitled to get a second and third opinion. If still unhappy, he or she may then seek independent medical review from a doctor chosen by the state. If the employer offers group health, employees may pre-designate their personal physicians as their workers' comp doctor. These doctors are obligated to follow guidelines established by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Unions are permitted to "carve out" their own workers' comp program to establish a seamless health and disability system without regard to the cause of the illness or injury.

Immediate Medical Care

Currently, an employer has 90 days to accept or deny a claim that the employee was injured on the job – possibly causing the employee to wait 90 days for medical treatment. **SB 899** requires employers to provide immediate medical care – up to \$10,000 maximum – for any declared work-related injury. To a large degree, this will eliminate the problem many employees have waiting for health care.

2. Temporary and Permanent Disabilities

Temporary Disability - (T.D.)

Current law does not restrict payment of temporary disabilities. Temporary disability payments are now capped under **SB 899** to two years except for the following injuries: HIV; Hepatitis B and C; amputations; severe burns; chronic lung diseases, pulmonary fibrosis;

severe eye injuries; all of which are capped at 240 weeks.

Permanent Disability - (P.D.)

Current law uses a three prong test to establish a Permanent Disability award. **SB 899** tightens current law and reduces the benefits for the least injured workers, but substantially increases the benefits for the most severely injured. The awards for P.D. must be in conformity with the American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (5th Edition) which, essentially, requires objective and uniform medical findings.

3. IOD Time and the Peace Officer Presumptions

There was NO CHANGE in current law regarding "IOD" benefits or the workers' comp presumptions affecting peace officers. However, whether the changes in the T.D. and P.D. law *indirectly affect* "IOD" or the presumptions may be a potential legal issue. How this bill will affect "IOD" time or peace officers' presumptions, if at all, is not entirely clear.

4. Causation and Apportionment

There is no significant change in the current law which provides an injury is "compensable" if the workplace causes the injury. (Psychiatric and post-termination claims must meet a higher standard). However, **SB 899** imposes strict requirements that medical reports reflect the information necessary to determine prior injuries, and places the burden of proof on the employee to overcome the presumption that the award is limited only to the latest injury. The bill also requires disclosure of all relevant non-occupational labor disabling injuries and apportions P.D. awards on prior illnesses and conditions. This will surely be a contentious area in the future.

5. Penalties

Current Labor Code Section 5814 provides that a late payment to a worker can result in a 10% penalty of the TOTAL award. **SB 899** limits penalties to 25% of the late payment and places a \$10,000 cap on any 5814 penalty. The bill allows insurers to "self correct" an error within 90 days with a 10% penalty. Penalty assessment money can be used for the "Return to Work" Program to benefit small employers with 50 or fewer employees.

6. Insurance/Brokers

There was no major change for insurers. Insurers are not required to pass along any savings, and rate regulation for insurers was rejected by the Governor. Broker's fees are unchanged.

7. Summary

In summary, there is something for employers and employees both to love and to hate in this bill. The emphasis of **SB 899** is "return to work." California workers remain off the job longer than other workers in the nation, so the emphasis was to streamline the current administrative adjudication system to get workers back on the job as soon as possible. Fixing this problem will likely rein in program costs, but whether

employers will see a substantial reduction in their premiums and whether injured workers will get immediate relief remains to be seen. My guess is that we haven't heard the end of the workers' comp controversy, and rate regulation and this whole issue will return when employer premiums are not reduced substantially.

Other Key Legislation of Interest

Although we've spent a lot of time and effort on workers' compensation, there are numerous other bills we have actively lobbied as well. Among the more significant bills are:

SB 1167 (Scott, D, Pasadena), sponsored by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, would require that any peace officer convicted of a "serious and violent" felony reimburse all wages and benefits received during the time the officer was off duty and suspended with pay. We actively opposed this bill because it discriminates against peace officers. Judges, legislators, and other sworn officials are not required to provide reimbursement, so why should peace officers? The bill was defeated in the Senate Public Safety Committee on a 2-3 vote.

SB 1866 (Aanestad, R, Redding), a bill to impose liability for failure to follow procedure in police pursuits, was actively opposed by the League. Our position is the burden of liability – both civil and criminal – should lie with those who would flee officers thereby endangering innocent third parties, the officers, and themselves. Although the author agreed to amendments to eliminate personal liability for the pursuing officer, this bill is simply the wrong solution to police pursuits and we remain in active opposition. The bill passed Senate Public Safety on a split vote, but was re-referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

AB 2199 (La Suer, R, La Mesa),

addresses the issue involved in an officer-involved shooting by former Los Angeles Deputy and Riverside District Attorney Investigator, Dan Riter. Without getting into the controversial facts of this officer-involved shooting, Riter received a 2-year sentence for involuntary manslaughter *AND* a 5-year enhancement because his weapon ("use a gun, go to jail") was used in the commission of a felony. Co-sponsored by the League, **AB 2199** would exempt from "use a gun, go to jail," any officer convicted of involuntary manslaughter. This bill won't help Dan Riter, but it will benefit other officers who may get involved in a bad shoot from a law that was designed to deter thugs and gang bangers, not peace officers. The bill passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on a 5-0 vote.

Finally, "not so secret" negotiations are underway with local officials and the Governor to agree to \$2.6 billion cuts to local government over the next two years in return for the Governor's endorsement of "The Local Taxpayers and Public Safety Protection Act," an initiative jointly sponsored by the League of Cities and the County Supervisors Association. Talk about a "lose-lose" deal! When you are laid off, suffer a pay cut, are demoted or have your job contracted out, who are you going to blame...the Governor for proposing to cut local public safety, or our local officials for agreeing to those cuts? Let's see whether our local officials will have the guts to raise taxes to backfill the \$2.6 billion hit they agreed to, or will they just duck and cover and try to blame it all on the State?

After all, it's not their jobs and careers and families that will be affected!

On that cheery note, I'll close. Next month we'll look at the May Budget Revise and other bills of interest. Until then, stay safe!

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



LOS ANGELES POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY "Behind the Badge: The LAPD Experience" Museum and Community Education Center

Then...

Los Angeles Police Historical Society Oral History Project: Reflections on the Past

by Dave Dalton
Executive Director

We need your input and expertise to help make the Los Angeles Police Historical Society's "Behind the Badge: The LAPD Experience" museum a success. You can help in two ways: By helping us find interview subjects for a historical documentary, or by helping us conduct and transcribe the interviews. Please read on for details.

As most of you know by now, the Los Angeles Police Museum and Community Education Center in Highland Park is home to "Behind the Badge: The LAPD Experience" and is now a beautiful, fully staffed, operating museum dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of the Los Angeles Police Department and

displaying that history to the public.

One of the unfortunate realities that confront all efforts to collect accurate historical data is that each year individuals involved in making that history pass away or become otherwise unavailable. This reality has been well recognized by the LAPHS for many years, but became especially evident when making the six hour miniseries "Badge of Honor" history video. A number of the individuals interviewed for that series have since passed away, but thankfully are recorded forever in this video.

In an effort to address this reality and document the legacy of the LAPD, the Los Angeles Police Historical Society has launched an ambitious new program to capture and record department history: The Oral History Project - Reflections on the Past.

The primary objective of this project will be to conduct video/oral interviews of department personnel and others who can accurately illuminate various events and periods of department history. A secondary objective will be to transcribe

these interviews and make them available to students and historians as a computer accessible resource for future research.

Priority lists are currently being developed to determine who should be interviewed on what subjects (age and health of the prospective interviewee as well as the value of the information to be gleaned are some of the factors to be considered). Interviews may include anything from brief recollections of specific incidents to lengthier in-depth discussions of more complex events. Interviews will be conducted in a video sound studio being established at the LAPHS museum. In some cases, where necessary, the oral history team will go to the individual to conduct the interview.

If you would like to be interviewed or you know someone who you feel should be interviewed as part of this project, please contact us by letter or e-mail stating why you should be considered. All applications will be reviewed by the LAPHS Oral History Project Committee.

To really appreciate the significance of this project, imagine if today we had video interviews of Dr. A. W. Hope, our first Chief of Police in 1850; John Glass, Chief for 11 years and the first chief to begin professionalism of the LAPD; or the officers involved in so many legendary cases throughout our history (The Chinese Massacre in 1871, William Hickman's brutal kidnapping of Marian Parker in 1927, the Black Dahlia, etc.). We would be forever grateful to those officers who had the foresight to record history as it was happening. We continue to make history today, and I can assure you the LAPD officers of the future will appreciate our efforts to accurately record what we do today.

To make this project a success, we need volunteers to assist us with this project. We particularly are in need of volunteers to assist us in conducting and transcribing the interviews for future research. Training will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Jim Bultema via the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, 6045 York Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90042; E-mail: iabultema@aol.com.

Now...

What's Happening Now at Old #11

There are numerous exciting changes in progress at "Behind the Badge: The LAPD Experience," Museum and Community Education Center (the former LAPD Highland Park Police Station #11). Other exhibits and innovations are poised in the wings awaiting your assistance. Here are some examples:

The Los Angeles Police Historical Society (LAPHS) has been asked to participate in the creation of a permanent exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley,

California. The Reagan Library is constructing a \$30 million exhibit that will feature several aircraft that served President Reagan during his eight-year tenure in the White House. Specifically, the massive, domed exhibit will feature Air Force One, Marine Corps One and a United States Air Force F-15 fighter jet hovering above AF-1. Additionally, the President's actual limousine will appear at the foot of the stairs leading to AF-1. Here's where LAPHS enters the picture. You may recall that whenever a Presidential motorcade navigates throughout Los Angeles it is led by LAPD Motor Officers and supported heavily by Metropolitan Division and SWAT officers. LAPHS is providing two 1984 vintage LAPD motorcycles positioned in front of the President's limo. Following the limo will be a 1984 LAPD marked police vehicle. SWAT will then appear very prominently in key locations. All these vehicles will have mannequins wearing the actual uniforms and equipment of LAPD officers who were involved in these special details. This incredible display will be opened to the public, with LAPD and LAPHS fully credited, in late fall, 2004.

LAPHS has been working diligently with the L.A. County District Attorney's office, the Chief's office, and several other LAPD entities to create an exceptional, true-to-life exhibit featuring the infamous Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), an extremely violent domestic terrorist group that targeted law enforcement and other government agencies throughout California during the early 1970s. The SLA was comprised of white, middle class, college-educated members. They adopted as their leader a black, ex-convict, Donald DeFreeze, aka Cinque. Their symbol was a seven-headed snake, and the slogan they adopted, "Death to the fascist insect that preys upon the life of the people," reflected their violent purposes. They were responsible for the kidnapping of heiress Patricia Hearst and committed several bank robberies to fund their nefarious activities. On May 17, 1974, DeFreeze and five other SLA members died in a shootout with LAPD officers when their South Los Angeles hideout caught fire and burned to the ground. The story, however, has continued to the present day. In October, 1999, fugitive SLA member Kathleen Soliah, aka Sara Jane Olson, was arrested in St. Paul, Minnesota after nearly 24 years on the lam; the "suburban housewife and mother" who was married to a doctor, has been convicted for her role in the 1975 attempted bombings of LAPD vehicles (to avenge the deaths of her six cohorts who had perished the year before). She is now serving ten years to life. On November 8, 2002, the last remaining SLA fugitive, James Kilgore, was arrested in South Africa where he was living as a professor. He was subsequently extradited to California, and on April 26, 2004, was convicted on federal explosives and passport fraud charges. He has been sentenced to 54 months in prison. However, both Soliah and Kilgore are still awaiting final dis-

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Glenn A. Kawesch, M.D.

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Sincerely,

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Behind the Badge

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position on a separate murder charge stemming from a bank robbery at Crocker National Bank in Carmichael, CA, wherein an innocent bystander, Myrna Opsahl, was killed on April 21, 1975. The 31-year history of the SLA, all intricately intertwined with LAPD, will soon be showcased in a powerful, interactive exhibit. Construction of this exhibit will hopefully commence in the near future. Items of evidence are being collected, and research is continuing.

Due to the cooperation and complete support of the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union (LAPFCU), effective June 1, 2004, you will see a depository in all the LAPFCU branches that will accommodate a grassroots outreach to all LAPFCU members and visitors for funds to help create our most important exhibit, "The LAPD Fallen Heroes Tribute." This interactive gallery has been magnificently designed and will profoundly honor the lives and memories of all LAPD officers killed in the line of duty. This will be accomplished through photographs, mementos, artifacts and audio-visual media. The centerpiece will be a fabulous fountain with outstretched glass wings bearing the identities of our heroes. Much more, however, this exhibit will go well beyond where most memorials leave off; it will focus on the complete person—their family, career, hobbies, interests—who they were, as well as depicting the incident in which they paid the supreme sacrifice for all of us. *We need your help to make this tribute a reality!* When you pass one of these depositories, please make a

generous donation. If every sworn, civilian and retired member of the LAPD family simply gave what you spend for one average lunch (\$10), we could completely fund this exhibit in no time! But every donation, of any amount, will greatly help. You can also send donations directly to LAPHS and be sure to indicate "Fallen Heroes Tribute."

Through the generosity of donors and the invaluable support and ingenuity of some amazing volunteers, LAPHS has continued to add to our historic police vehicle fleet. Our most recent acquisitions include a 1978 Plymouth and a 1996 Chevrolet, both completely restored inside and out. Look for these to appear at several LAPD functions! And we owe a special debt of gratitude to Mr. Paul Bardon and the entire Motor Transport Division for their unfailing assistance and support. You're amazing! *Thank you!*

LAPHS will be honoring some people this year at the Eleventh Annual Jack Webb Awards. This year's gala will be held on Wednesday, June 30 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the spectacular Petersen Automotive Museum on Wilshire Boulevard at Fairfax Avenue. Entertainment, live and silent auctions, fabulous food and refreshments, incredible exhibits and loads of *fun* are planned. Don't miss this one. The theme, appropriately, is "...from Horses to Helicopters!" And this year you may attend in business or cocktail attire, so you can really relax and enjoy the beautiful summer evening. Our honorees will once again include two very special members of the LAPD family, Mr. Paul Bardon, Motor Transport Division, and Lt. Robert Green, LAPD Bomb Squad. The

other three honorees are equally amazing and important for their staunch, generous support of LAPD and LAPHS. They include: Ms. Leticia Aguilar, Bank of America; Mr. Foster Dennis, California Paving and Grading Company; and Mrs. Marguerite "Mama J" Justice, former Police Commissioner. You will be awed by the extent of their contributions and involvement in the great history of our department! Each of our five honorees is uniquely and richly deserving of this special honor and award. Please support this important event on behalf of LAPHS. Contact Ms. Scherr Lillico, "The Proper Image" Event Management, for information regarding tickets, sponsorship opportunities, invitations, donations, etc. at (818) 994-4661; Fax: (818) 994-6181.

If you are not yet a member of LAPHS, you can become one today. Memberships are the life blood of the Museum and Community Education Center. Simply log onto our Web site at www.laphs.com and complete a membership application. Or contact one of our friendly staff members or volunteers at (323) 344-9445. They will be glad to provide you with information and materials. Better yet, visit us and apply in person. You're in for a treat! We're working hard for you; this is *your* museum! And remember, whether you're active

duty or retired, you can have your membership dues paid automatically by payroll deduction. It's easy, it's convenient, and you won't have to try and remember to pay annually. We also have a great gift shop inside the museum and online for your convenience.

One last item. Due to the generosity and assistance of NYPD and FDNY personnel, we have acquired a section of steel I-beam from the World Trade Center collapse on September 11, 2001. Dr. Ted Hunt, Director, Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL), and a long-time supporter and member of LAPHS' Board of Governors, personally retrieved and transported this important artifact back to Los Angeles from New York City. We are deeply grateful to Ted for his diligence and foresight. The I-beam has been presented to us to create a small but significant exhibit here at the museum with it as the centerpiece. Many LAPD and LAFD personnel assisted in the grueling and incredibly difficult recovery efforts at Ground Zero. We need your mementos, photos, writings and anything else related to 9/11 or its aftermath that will help bring this piece of metal (albeit a very precious one) to life, in a tribute to our brother and sister officers who perished in great numbers at the WTC site. Please contact us if you help. ♦

Poet's Corner

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A Father Is...

A Father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.

A Father is a thing that growls when he feels good and laughs loud when it is scared to death.

A Father is sometimes accused of giving too much time to his business when the little ones are growing up.

A Father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in his child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks he is and never quite the man his son believes him to be.

This worries him sometimes, so he works hard to try and smooth out the rough places in the road of his son who will follow him.

A Father is a thing that gets very angry when school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be.

He scolds his son although he knows it's the teacher's fault.

Fathers grow old faster than other people.

While mothers can cry where it shows, Fathers have to stand there and die inside.

Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what is inside.

Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons almost daily.

They hurry away from the breakfast table, off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or a squad car, where they tackle the dragon with three heads, weariness, work and monotony.

Knights in shining armor!

Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who will live the longest.

Though they know the odds, they keep right on betting.

Even as the odds get higher and higher, they keep betting more and more.

And one day they lose.

But Fathers enjoy an earthly immortality and the bet is paid off to the part of him he leaves behind.

I don't know where Fathers go when they die,

But I have an idea that after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't be happy unless there is work to do.

He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore.

He'll be busy there, too, repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets, smoothing the way.

Timothy M. Falco March 9, 1959 – November 11, 2003

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Lives Lost for Liberty

by Craig W. Floyd, Chairman
National Law Enforcement Officers
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Almost every day this past year we have heard the reports of new casualties in the fight for freedom—another assault, another injury, another death. A few of the casualties drew national attention, but most remained faceless and nameless, just another statistic to add to the growing total of lives lost for liberty. Sadly, it has gotten to the point where we seem to take these human sacrifices for granted.

Paul Harvey, America's beloved voice of radio, once defined news as "something exceptional, unusual." Well, maybe that helps to explain why these mounting casualties do not even receive front-page attention anymore. In a way, I suppose, we have come to expect and thus accept death as the cost of freedom.

The war and subsequent occupation in Iraq has resulted in the loss of nearly 500 U.S. soldiers this past year. And each and every one of those brave men and women, and their families deserve our utmost respect and gratitude. But the casualties I am referring to did not occur in Iraq. They occurred here at home, on the streets of America. We do not call them soldiers; we call them law enforcement officers.

Last year, our nation lost nearly 150 federal, state and local law officers in the line of duty. If history is any indication, another 60,000 officers were assaulted and about 20,000 of those assaults resulted in injury. This marks 54 consecutive years that more than 100 law enforcement officers have been killed in the performance of duty. During the last ten years alone, more than 1,600 officers have died.

Preliminary data shows that of the officers who died last year, 53 died in automobile accidents; 52 of them were shot to death; 13 were struck and killed by vehicles; 11 died in motorcycle accidents; 6 succumbed to job-related illnesses; 4 drowned; 2 suffered fatal beatings; 2 fell to their deaths; 1 was stabbed to death; 1 died in an aircraft accident; 1 was electrocuted; 1 was strangled; and 1

was hit by a train.

Thirty-eight of the fifty states, as well as Puerto Rico and one federal agency suffered at least one officer fatality last year with California at the top of the list with eighteen deaths. Even Vermont, which has had only fifteen law enforcement fatalities in their entire history prior to 2003—by far the fewest of any state in the nation—had two police officers killed last year. In other words, there is not necessarily any rhyme or reason when it comes to law enforcement sacrifice. If you are a police officer, that life-threatening moment could come at any time or any place.

But be assured that these sacrifices have not been in vain. We are told by the people who keep such statistics that violent crime in our country has declined by almost 50 percent since 1993. In fact, the FBI just reported on December 15 that the overall violent crime rate during the first half of 2003 dropped by another 3.1 percent. Incredibly, this means that despite the best efforts of drug traffickers, gangsters and terrorists, America is safer today than at any time in the last 25 years.

As it turns out, America is also a safer place for our law officers. Just consider that since the 1970s, when 224 officers were killed on average each year, police fatalities have decreased by more than 25 percent. In fact, the odds of being killed in the line of duty if you are a police officer today are about 1 in 6,000. Thirty years ago, about 1 out of every 1,500 officers made the ultimate sacrifice. More officers who are better trained and equipped than ever before are the major reasons for this improved level of police safety.

Later this year, all of the names of the officers who died in 2003 will be inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is a fitting honor for a deserving group of Americans. But our obligation to those fallen heroes goes much deeper. We must never take human sacrifice for granted, and we must never accept death as the cost of freedom, whether it occurs abroad or here at home.

Craig W. Floyd is the Chairman of the

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

The NLEOMF is a nonprofit organization established in 1984 to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession by permanently recording and appropriately commemorating the service and sacrifice of all federal, state and local law enforcement officers; and to provide information that will help promote law enforcement safety. The NLEOMF built and now operates the

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., which contains the names of more than 16,000 officers killed in the line of duty; helps organize the annual National Police Week tribute to fallen law enforcement officers each May; runs an Officer of the Month program; serves as a clearinghouse of information about police officers killed in the line of duty; and will open the doors to the National Law Enforcement Officers Museum in 2008. ♦

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Defusing Difficult Conversations

We've all been there; we know we must confront a coworker, store clerk, or friend about some especially sticky situation, and we know the encounter will be uncomfortable. So we mull it over until we can no longer put it off, and then finally stumble through the confrontation.

This difficult conversation could be any conversation that is stressful for you. It could be giving a negative performance review, talking to your children about drugs, or asking for a raise.

Why do we need to be better at managing difficult conversations? At one level, it's a simple matter of reducing anxiety in your life, which is no small benefit. But it goes far beyond that. The ability to communicate clearly and powerfully, and to manage conflict with confidence and grace is integral to a fulfilling life.

At work, conflicts that are handled badly or avoided altogether sap creativity and lower morale. In personal relationships, trust diminishes, intimacy suffers, and misunderstandings multiply. Relationships that are supposed to nourish us end up eating away at us. Improving how we handle our most difficult conversations is at the very heart of what makes all relationships satisfying.

Difficult conversations, by definition, will probably never be easy. However, you can manage them effectively with these tips.

Avoid trying to control the other person's reaction. You can't get something off someone else's chest. They have to do it themselves, in their own way. If you try to control their reaction, you will just make them angrier. So let

them do what they've got to do, whether it's tears or obscenities. Then, begin to talk your conflict out.

Consider how you've contributed to the problem. There's a quirky saying: "When you point your finger at someone else, three of your fingers point back at you." Eat a bit of humble pie and acknowledge how you've contributed to the conflict. If you can admit that you screwed up, you just might encourage others to do the same.

Hindsight is 20/20. Have you ever had a blowup with a person only to find, months later, that you couldn't remember what the conflict was about? There's something to be said for taking the long view. Sure, a few conflicts maintain themselves, but most have a way of fading over time. "This too shall pass" is not only the moral of a story, it's a useful way to approach most business dealings.

Take a break. Things usually look different after a good night's sleep. Don't take that to mean you should procrastinate! Just give yourself time to sort things out. And while you're at it, see if you can get an outsider's viewpoint on what's going on. It may stop you from pouring oil on a combustible situation.

Ask for help. If you're really stuck, call in someone you both trust to listen to both sides and offer suggestions for how to break your logjam.

Finally, remember to consider your EAP. MHN is always here to help.

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Breath Of Life Ventura Triathlon/Relay

by Monica Spiro

How many times have you run the hills in Elysian Park or competed in the Baker to Vegas Run?

Why not kick it up a notch and compete in the Breath Of Life Ventura Triathlon/Relay on Sunday June 27, 2004 at picturesque San Buenaventura State Beach, Ventura. Just ask Sgt. Richard Gonzales of Rampart Division about the seven Rampart teams that competed in the Breath Of Life Ventura Triathlon/Relay. Sgt. Gonzales said, "we all had a great time, everyone ran hard and it was an overall fun event. We look forward to coming out again." Sgt. Gonzales is currently putting together relay teams in Rampart Division for this year's Triathlon/Relay.

The Triathlon/Relay has an Olympic distance (swim .9 miles, bike 24.8 miles and run 6.2 miles) and a Sprint distance (swim 400 meters, bike 12.7 miles and run 3.1 miles). The law enforcement

relay teams will race on the Olympic course. The entire course is fast, flat and scenic. Live bands will perform on the running route. A big complementary barbecue, food fair and beer garden will follow the race.

Grant LaVigna co-founded the Breath Of Life Ventura Triathlon/Relay after his sister Dina died of primary immunodeficiency (PI) several years ago. It was Dina's wish to make patient care facilities at hospitals more comfortable for PI patients (mostly children) receiving treatment. The purpose of the Triathlon/Relay is to make Dina's dream a reality. The money raised from this year's Triathlon/Relay will go to upgrade the infusion facility at Mattel Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. "The reaction we've gotten from the kids is amazing and extremely touching- it's the kids who keep this in perspective, no matter what goes on in the world", Grant said.

Awaken that competitive spirit and come out to race in this terrific event. For more information or to register



Photo by Officer Lucy Diaz

Rampart Triathlon Team members.

on-line, go to www.triforlife.com or www.active.com.

Grant is no stranger to the LAPD. He has been a member of the Crisis Response Team (CRT) since January, 2000. CRT is a volunteer program activated by LAPD or LAFD to assist with such traumatic events as natural disasters, suicides and violent crimes.

Grant originally got involved with the CRT not just to help individuals at time of crisis but to also help build the ties between the community, law enforcement and fire personnel. "There is such

need to help each other when we are most vulnerable and police and fire cannot do it on their own. The CRT is my way of being involved and help out in any way that I can. It is an honor to be allowed to work with Law Enforcement and Fire to do what I can to help people when they are in need of support."

Grant has received recognition for the services he provided to the victims of the tragic plane crash at 601 N. Spaulding Avenue on June 6, 2003, as well as commendation for his ongoing involvement with the CRT.

Breath of Life Ventura TRIATHLON/RELAY Sunday, June 27, 2004 • 7:30 a.m. San Buenaventura State Beach, Ventura		BREATH OF LIFE FUND All proceeds from this year's Triathlon/Relay go directly towards the Breath of Life's efforts for patient care projects at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Visit our web site to see what accomplishments the Breath of Life Fund has already achieved through generous donations like yours.	
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Sunday, June 27, 2004 • Olympic & Sprint Distances		SPRINT DISTANCE \$75 for USAT members \$84 for non-USAT members	
Olympic Course Swim: 1.5K (.93 miles) Bike: 40K (24.8 miles) Run: 10K (6.2 miles)		Sprint Course Swim: 400M (.24 miles) Bike: 20.4K (12.7 miles) Run: 5K (3.1 miles)	
The money raised from this triathlon goes to the Jeffrey Model Foundation's Dina LaVigna Breath of Life Fund to improve patient care facilities for those diagnosed with Primary Immunodeficiency.		RELAY TEAM ENTRY FEES \$100 per relay team (with all team members USAT members) \$109 per relay team (with 1 or more non-USAT members)	
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6th Annual Breath of Life Ventura Triathlon/Relay Entry Form		First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ email: _____ Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Emergency Phone (race day): _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____ Age on Race Day: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL Race Division: _____ Olympic _____ Sprint _____ (for USAT members) _____ USA Triathlon #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Relay Teams - Olympic Course Only Will you be participating as a relay team? If so, please have all members of the team submit a separate form and please provide the following additional information: TEAM NAME YOUR EVENT (please check all that apply to you) Swimming _____ Biking _____ Running _____ (Submit Relay Team forms together with one check) Entry fee: \$ _____ Donation: \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Please make checks payable to: Dina LaVigna Breath of Life Fund/JMF	
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BOOK Review

Into the Kill Zone: A Cop's Eye View of Deadly Force

by Daryl F. Gates

No other person, police executive, or otherwise has had more experience with police shootings than have I. Dating back to the early 60's, I have been involved in either the investigation or the review of LAPD officer-involved shootings. I even go back to the time when a young lawyer by the name of Johnny Cochran first came to the public's attention. Johnny represented the Deadwyler family in what was at the time a very controversial police shooting, sensationalized by the electronic and print media. It was the first time that a coroner's inquest was televised. Johnny lost the case, because of the very detailed police investigation, which was honest and forthright in assessing the facts regarding the shooting. It turned out to be an accidental shooting, precipitated, in large part, by the erratic actions of Deadwyler. I played a significant role in the investigation of that shooting.

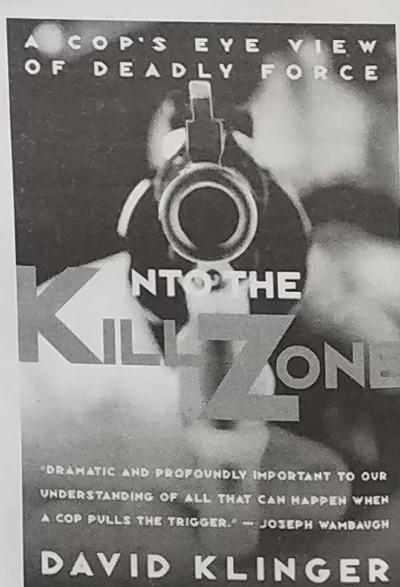
From 1968 to 1992 I reviewed every Los Angeles police shooting and/or major

use of force. Whenever a Los Angeles police officer discharged his firearm a detailed investigation is conducted. I reviewed them all for over 24 years.

I cite the above to give credence to my comments regarding David Klinger's book *Into the Kill Zone: A Cop's Eye View of Deadly Force*. It is a fascinating account of numerous officer-involved shootings. But, the real meat of the book lies in the candid interviews of scores of police officers that were the principles in those shootings. It begins with Klinger's account of a shooting in which he was involved as a young Los Angeles Police Officer, taking the life of a man who was trying to kill his partner. He writes, "Edward Randolph was 26 when I killed him. I was 23. I first laid eyes on him less than a minute before I shot him, so I didn't know his name, how old he was, or anything else about him before I ended his life." This piercingly painful, gritty account of his own experience in a life or death situation has given him a special insight and a credibility not found among others who may write on this subject.

The book reads like a novel. It is almost impossible to put it down. It was learning experience for me even with my many years of investigating and reviewing of police shootings. Not only does Klinger bring out "just the facts" of each shooting, he goes into the background of those who were involved. What motivated them to become police officers. How, prior to entering law enforcement, they morally viewed the possibility that they may have to take some human's life in the line of duty. How they were trained, both in the academy and on the streets, to deal with violent situations and how to prepare themselves mentally to kill. He presents stories from officers about situations wherein they could have, but did not shoot. Some exceptionally harrowing split second decisions that turned out to be right, but just as easily could have been tragically wrong.

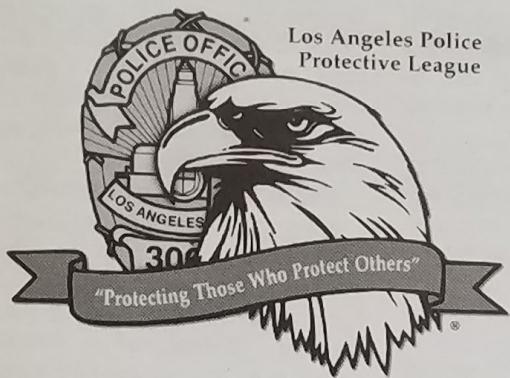
As I read the accounts of the many shootings in *Kill Zone*, it was as if I was in a time warp. So many like situations that I had investigated or reviewed in past years. Officers' reactions before, during and after these violent incidents can be, and often, are completely different, yet underneath, there is a sameness that cannot help but strike the reader with an incredible impact. Clearly, one cannot finish this book without knowing that police officers are indeed human beings who can experience a plethora of emotions over seriously injuring or killing another human being. There is a



quality of reverence for human life that runs through *Kill Zone*, but survival takes center stage.

Kill Zone is a must read for every police officer. It is an even more a 'must read' for police executives. In fact, any one who needs enlightenment regarding police shootings can benefit immeasurably from this book, particularly those in the media. Television could do a dramatic attention-getting series without the need for a single fictional story idea. The truth is far more powerful, and it is all there in *Kill Zone*.

Reviewed by: Daryl F. Gates, Chief Los Angeles Police Department, retired.



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"Use a Gun, Go to Jail" Should Not Be Applied to Peace Officers

Part Two—an update

by Michael P. Stone, Esq.

Last month, we circulated my article in PORAC's *Law Enforcement News*, March 2004, ('Use a gun, go to jail' should not be applied to peace officers," page 40) which announced the campaign led by Riverside Sheriffs' Association President Pat McNamara, to find sponsors for legislative amendments to protect California's peace officers from the enhancements that will be applied to them if they are convicted of certain crimes occurring while they are armed, or where they use a firearm which by law they are authorized and required to carry, and when they are otherwise acting in the course and scope of their official duties. This month, we zero in on the laws which threaten to harm more peace officers.

It takes no imagination to conclude from these proposals that they are prompted by the recent sentencing of our client, Riverside District Attorney's Senior Investigator Daniel Riter, to seven (7) years in prison as a consequence of his conviction of *involuntary manslaughter* (*Penal Code* §192[b]). While in the course and scope of his official duties working child abduction cases, he attempted to take custody of two (2) minor children pursuant to valid warrants, when the parents and their associate (decedent, Jesus Herrera) attempted to flee in a truck with the children, despite Investigator Riter's repeated demands to stop and his attempts to shoot the tires flat. In fact the driver, Herrera, accelerated the truck at Riter, narrowly missing him, as Riter's firearm unintentionally discharged into the cab as the truck roared by Riter, killing Herrera.

The *Riter* conviction, absent the enhancement applied by the court at sentencing, would have resulted in at worst, a two (2) year sentence for conviction of *involuntary manslaughter*, because the trial judge found, for reasons amply articulated in the record, that Dan Riter's circumstances all favored mitigation and downward adjustment of

the sentence. There were *no* aggravating factors. Add to this that both the Probation Department report and the Department of Corrections Diagnostic Study report recommended against a prison sentence, the determination to sentence Dan Riter to prison for even the low term of two years is arguably excessive and unwarranted. However, the enhancement of five years for a total sentence of seven years because of former §12022.5 (b)(1) requiring at least five years *additional* prison time for shooting (even as here, *unintentionally*) into an occupied motor vehicle causing death or injury, is utterly unconscionable. If as he said, the trial judge had no discretion to stay or strike the enhancement, that is all the more reason to seek changes in these laws which can be unfairly applied to on-duty peace officers. That is, if indeed the judge added the five years because he thought he had no choice, that fact is all the more compelling in demonstrating the need for legislative amendment.

In my research, I have identified at least three *Penal Code* sections in Part 4, Title 2, "Control of Deadly Weapons" that present the same threat to peace officers as the now-repealed enhancement which operated so brutally and disproportionately in Dan Riter's case to exact a prison sentence far beyond that necessary or reasonable. There may be others I have not discovered. But at least these three enhancement sections must be amended so that they will not be applied to on-duty, in course-and-scope peace officers, who act without actual malice, using a firearm which they are *authorized* by law to carry and use in the performance of their duties. We know from the legislative history of these enhancement sections that these laws were designed to apply to street thugs and gangsters, and others who while *unlawfully* possessing firearms, *use them* in committing felonies or indiscriminate firearm violence. Simply put, but for the unjust application of this enhancement to Dan Riter, he would have been sentenced to at most, two

years, and perhaps not to prison at all. But, because these poorly-drafted enhancements can be applied to on-duty peace officers, *as well* as the criminal thugs, gangsters and predators which the laws were specifically enacted to deal with, every peace officer is at risk, all the time and everywhere. We must act now to bring this to the attention of our legislators and Governor Schwarzenegger, so that no other peace officer suffers the same shameful miscarriage of justice as Dan Riter is now enduring. We must stand together, the State's law enforcement officers and all of us who value their contribution to the safety of us all, and to the protected liberty we share as direct beneficiaries of their willingness to protect us, despite the risks they confront.

We need to initially look at adding "peace officer exemptions" to three (3) enhancement sections:

- (1) **§12022 (a) and (b)** which collectively require a enhancement of one to three years for the use of, or being armed with a firearm, machine gun or assault weapon, in the commission of a felony or attempted felony.
- (2) **§12022.5 (a) and (b)** which add between three and ten years for use of a specified firearm, in the commission of a felony or attempted felony.
- (3) **§12022.55** which adds an enhancement of five, six or ten years where the defendant, with "intent to inflict great bodily injury or death", inflicts such injury or death as a result of shooting from a motor vehicle.

To me, the simplest and most direct way to remedy this situation is to add a final subpart to each of the listed sections, which will contain the same language for each section to be amended:

() This enhancement shall not apply to a peace officer appointed pursuant to Title 3, Chapter 4.5, who is authorized by law to possess and carry firearms in the course and scope of official duties, where the event, act, omission or transaction constituting the commission of the felony or attempted felony occurs within the course and scope of the peace officer's performance of official duties, unless it is found that the peace officer acted with actual malice as defined in section 7 of this Code.

In the event the prosecutor contends that in a particular case the exemption is inapplicable, the special enhancement could still be charged, and the issue would be presented to the trier of fact. The judge or jury would make the finding whether the exemption applies in considering whether the special enhancement allegation is true.

Without the amendments, a judge or jury is left simply to determine whether a specified firearm was used in committing the offense, without regard to whether the defendant was lawfully in possession of the firearm and acting in the course and scope of official duties. This means the enhancements will be applied, almost necessarily, if there is a conviction.

There is another enhancement section, §12022.53, which greatly increases sentences for use of firearms in the

commission of listed felonies. An exemption for peace officers in regard to this enhancement is probably unnecessary, because the nature of the specified felonies, if committed by an on-duty peace officer, imply malice, and would therefore be outside of the exemption anyway. And yet, this section does contain an exception for "the lawful use of a firearm by a public officer"!

Finally, it has been suggested that an alternative, perhaps better method of amendment would be to propose changes to the statutes governing discretionary grants of probation upon a finding that "on-duty and in course and scope" is an unusual circumstance, permitting probation, or that probation is appropriate in the interests of justice. The problem with this approach, in my view, is that the peace officer is still at risk. The court ruled in the *Riter* case that the circumstances in Dan Riter's matter were "not unusual." A contrary finding would have permitted probation. So, even if the law *permitted* a finding of unusual circumstances for the on-duty peace officer, the court could always reject probation, and the enhancements would be imposed. A weakly-worded exception to the enhancements for "the lawful use of a firearm by a public officer" misses the point entirely. If the shooting is *lawful*, there wouldn't be a crime, and thus no enhancement. Am I missing something here? See: *Penal Code* § 12022.53(l).

In conclusion, we would prefer to see if the listed enhancement sections can be directly amended to achieve the protection our peace officers desperately need.

The citizens of California do not need sentencing enhancement laws in order to discourage on-duty peace officers from carrying firearms. These laws provide absolutely no deterrent effect in the case of peace officers, who fire their weapons almost always in self-defense and defense of others, and commonly in rapidly-evolving, tense and dangerous confrontations which they face as part of their duties. Sometimes they will make mistakes in resorting to or in applying lethal force. If in so doing, they violate the criminal law, for example the manslaughter statute, they should not suffer the additional penalties that were designed to deter the illegal possession and use of firearms in commission of other crimes, by severely punishing the offender for the choice to illegally possess and use a firearm.

In last month's article, we appealed to law enforcement agency members, top to bottom, as well as every law enforcement association, to join in this quest for legislative amendments "to protect those who protect others", by writing a letter of support for the amendments to Pat McNamara, President, Riverside Sheriffs' Association, 6215 River Crest Drive, Suite A, Riverside, CA 92507, Telephone No: (909)653-1943, Fax No: (909)274-5540. If you have not done so yet, please do. Let's not turn our backs upon those who protect and serve.

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In Memoriam:

Who was Lieutenant Robert J. May, #3747, LAPD

by Lawrence Rivera
Pacific Detectives, Retired

As reported in the March, 2004, *The Thin Blue Line*, Lieutenant Robert J. May died on December 26, 2003. To most, Lt. Robert May was just a name on page 19. But I met Lt. Robert May only once; he was the Foothill watch commander in about 1967. Few would remember his involvement in the capture of arguably the most notorious law-breaker in California history. I was introduced by his son and the experience influenced my decision to join LAPD.

Lt. May probably made among the most famous car stops that still has influence on the criminal justice system.

Officer Robert May was appointed police officer in 1946 after returning from military service after World War II. On the evening of January 23, 1948, Officer May and his partner, Officer John Reardon, were on patrol in Hollywood Division in car K-7. Highest priority was the capture of a holdup man, sexual predator using a gray 1946 Ford. Officer May and Reardon stopped two such Fords with negative results.

Miles away in Redondo Beach, two men dressed in suits robbed a clothing store. They escaped in a gray Ford. Officer May and his partner saw their third gray Ford going south on Vermont from Hollywood Blvd. Car K-7 fell behind the Ford and the red lights and siren were activated. The pursuit was on. Officer Reardon drove while Offi-

cer May manned the radio at 60 miles an hour. Officer May emptied his revolver at the speeding Ford, shattering the rear window. They then crossed Beverly Blvd. Still at a high rate of speed. An oncoming patrol car went into a side slide in an unsuccessful attempt to block the gangster's Ford. The Ford went onto the sidewalk and pedestrians scattered. Officers May and Reardon continued the pursuit. The pursuit was in its fifth mile, now at 70 miles per hour. With an empty gun, Officer Robert May grabbed his partner's gun and blazed away at the speeding Ford. He killed a tail light and two fenders.

The speeding Ford broke a police barricade at 6th Street, turning left. Then north on Shatto Place. Car T-14 was shadowing the pursuit on Virgil and cut across on 5th Street, stopping the Ford. The Ford tried to make a U-turn on narrow Shatto Place. Officer Reardon's immortal words to Officer May were reported as "Hang on, partner, I'm stopping this bastard." Officer Reardon rammed his patrol car into the left side of the Ford. Officers Reardon and May exited their wrecked patrol car. Both had to reload their revolvers as one dazed suspect was fumbling for his gun under his coat. The crook drew a .45 caliber auto and fumbled with it and then dropped it to the ground. He obviously intended on shooting both officers.

Now the foot pursuit was on into the shadows. Officers Reardon and May

gave chase. Officer May fell in the shrubs, but Officer Reardon, bigger and faster, did a flying tackle on the fleeing suspect. Then along came Officer Phillips who placed his flashlight onto the side of the suspect's head. The fight was still on but ended at the arrival of Officer Robert May. Officer May clubbed the suspect with his revolver. It was over.

Captured was one of the most notorious outlaws in California history. Thanks to Officer Reardon and Officer May, the career of the infamous "Red Light Bandit" was over for good as Caryl Chessman was executed under the "Little Lindbergh" law. Chessman became a 60-year poster child for the anti-death penalty crowd. Dead men don't repeat. The case received worldwide attention including demonstrations of protests to his execution as far away as Madrid, Spain.

Chessman was an innocent man who confessed, recanted due to police brutality. An old story but not explained was his firsthand knowledge of his crimes. And, of course, similar crimes ended. Chessman wrote four books during his 12 years on Death Row. *Cell 2455 Death Row* was translated into 18 languages.

The ever candid Officer John Reardon described his struggle with Caryl Chessman as if he had just gone 15 rounds with Joe Louis. Due to the "Red Light" and impersonation of a police officer, LAPD and Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz ordered big man power to catch the bandit. A different time, the media was smartly left out of the "loop." The lack of media attention probably resulted in a quick arrest. A lesson lost in time.

Also of note is the investigating detective, Colin Forbes, who hated crooks who preyed on the weak. The dapper detective was incensed on what Caryl Chessman had done sexually to the inno-

cent Mary Alice Meza and recovering polio victim Regina Johnson. Detective Forbes extracted a confession from the described cocky and self confident Caryl Chessman. Chessman just happened to be a parolee from Folsom Prison.

Forgotten heroes? But a case that will not be forgotten. A lesson for those who condemn the old LAPD as being Neanderthal and having a siege mentality. Such presence of mind by then LAPD officers Robert May and John Reardon of that time or anytime. Officer May and Reardon's actions saved many of those who would have been victims. Kind of takes your breath away as this would have been a sight to behold. Gutty as hell.

Today the first call would be to Internal Affairs.

Caryl Chessman was finally executed on May 2, 1960. On that day there was one less vacancy in hell. Comically Chessman, an arrogant self-serving man, claimed that in 50 years the real killer would be identified. That would be in 2007. We all wait with baited breath. When this doesn't happen, what will the "Prison Policy Initiative" use as their excuse for their naïve, also self serving, anti-death penalty folks claim of Chessman's innocence and the use of police brutality. Such things will never change. Research shows that the evidence was overwhelming. Officers Robert May and John Reardon saved many a victim from the depraved Caryl Chessman.

Lt. Robert May retired in 1974 with 28 years of service.

Goodbye, Lt. Robert J. May. You served your country and the city of Los Angeles well. Also my condolences to his son and old friend Tom May and his family wherever Tom may be.

Source of some information: The True Story of Caryl Chessman by Clark Howard. ♦

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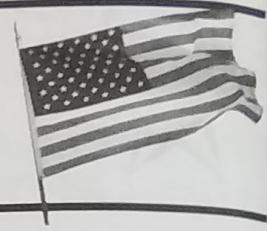
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April 20, 2004 Meeting

The following were in attendance: Cmdr. Dennis De Noi, Finance Officer Hal Yarnell, Adjutant Frank Ortiz, 1st Vice Richard Kalk, 2nd Vice/Chaplain J.J. Leonard, Arthur Ferugia, Bill Zimmerman, Bob Reeves, M. L. Maydeck, Bob Kosier, George Hofstetter, Rob Welborn, Emmett Drennen, Recruit Officer Nolayan Herdegen, Sgt. At Arms Joe Mueller, Boris Mengelle and Sam Zagorianos (from our Greek Post). Also in attendance was Richard & Elvia Ledesma, our 17th District 3rd Vice Cmdr.

The dinner, once again, went over great, with the volunteer services of Magen and her fiancée! In fact, I think everyone went back for seconds.

Little Known and Interesting Facts about the Tomb of the Unknowns

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns and why? Twenty-one steps. It alludes to the 21 gun salute,

which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? Twenty-one seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.
3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not? He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every 30 minutes, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5'10" and 6'2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30 inches.

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They must commit two years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform (fighting) or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as a guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor

watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are President Taft, Joe E. Lewis (the boxer) and Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy (the most decorated soldier of World War II) movie star. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team

June 27, 2004, Sunday, San Fernando Recreation Park, 1st Street and Park Avenue.

Special Days in June

June 4 - WVAL STA Reunion, 1130 to 1500, \$5 barbecue.

June 8 - Annual Legion Steak Fry, Academy, 4:00 p.m., Chief William Bratton is expected.

June 8 - 1967 the USS Liberty was attacked on the fourth day of the Arab-Israel War, U.S. sailors machine gunned in the water, 34 dead, 171 wounded. Cmdr. William L. McGonagle receives the Medal of Honor.

June 14 - Flag Day.

June 14 - U.S. Army birthday, 1775.

June 19 & 20 - Irish Fair in Woodley

Basin, Van Nuys Division.

June 20 - Father's Day

June 23-27 - American Legion State Convention in Redding.

June 27 - Choir Boys Region V Annual "Shelter for Domestic Violence" charity M/C Ride. Start at Glendale Harley Davidson, 0900.

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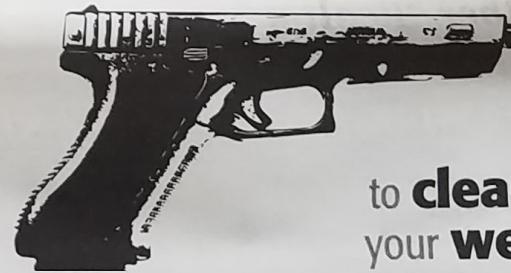
Many of our brothers who served in the Armed Forces of this great country are unable to enjoy the freedom and liberty which their sacrifices helped to secure. Pause for a few moments to remember those brave souls who have not returned home yet. Don't ever forget them! POW/MIA. Semper Fi!

Commander's Message

I want to start out by announcing, at this time, Chief William J. Bratton, one of our newest members, will be in attendance at our Pre-State Convention Steak Fry at the Elysian Park Academy on June 8, 2004. This is a well-attended function and I encourage as many comrades as possible to join us this year. The steak fry is free, the food plentiful and always outstanding. So come out and

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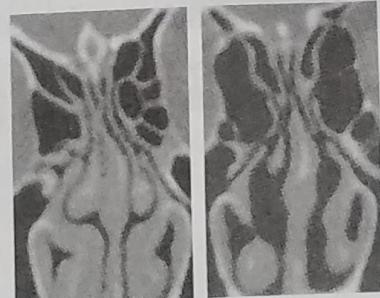


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join us for some fun, friendship and welcome the Chief to our proud and historic Post. Last month I mentioned Operation "Support our Troops" which is a group of Department employees that have undertaken a noble cause to recognize, honor, and boost the morale of the many dedicated co-workers that have answered the call to arms and are currently serving on active duty in the armed forces reserves and guard. I hope some of you have had an opportunity to take part in this effort and shown our fellow employees that we appreciate them and their families and know of the sacrifice and service. If you have questions, please call Sergeant **Andrea Grossman** at (213) 485-4154, or contact me at (213) 473-8871. Along those same lines, another group of Department employees are just starting up another operation (unnamed at the time of this writing) to obtain donations of much needed supplies (like sunscreen, chap stick, etc.) for our employees serving in the military overseas. Information is sketchy at this time, but as the word gets out, I ask that you take part in some way. For more info please call Detective III **Mike Coffee**, Juvenile Division at 213-485-2803. Speaking of helping our fellow officers, I want to give you an update on Officer **Santiago Gascon's** situation and condition. I have been informed that his medical condition has stabilized and he has made modest improvements. One of our comrades, **Bob Reeves**, contacted the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), Los

Angeles County Lodge #1 and requested they consider providing support for Officer Gascon and his family. I am pleased to report that the F.O.P. came through in fine Law Enforcement fashion and made a generous grant to the Gascons. On behalf of our Post and the Gascons, I want to thank Bob Reeves, the F.O.P. and all our comrades for taking care of one of our own. If you can do anything for this great Marine, Police Officer and family man or know someone that can assist, please contact Rampart Station at 213-485-4060. Now for new business, I received a call from Major Frank Naumann, Provost Marshal of the 40th Infantry Division of the California State Military Reserve. Don't worry, I did not know what that was either. To learn more about who they are and what they do, I recommend you call Major Naumann at 714-264-7183 or visit their web site at: www.casmr.com. Major Naumann is heading up a recruiting campaign designed to build up the California State Military Reserve. They are a volunteer organization that is called to duty to support and back fill the California Army National Guard. It is run much like our Police Officer Reserve program. They are looking for new applicants within the law enforcement community (full time or reserve officers) with or without military experience. If you miss the good old days of army life, think you missed something by never having gone in the military and are under 60 years old, please give them a call. If there is no more business, "Till we meet again." Semper Fi, DJD

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Answer: Unless you and your husband have lots of cash that you will never need again, I suggest you don't buy that vacant lot for possible future use in seven years when your husband retires. Many things can happen to change your retirement plans. In the meantime, your money will be tied up in a vacant lot, which might be difficult or impossible to resell. If you won't use your property purchase within six months, don't buy.

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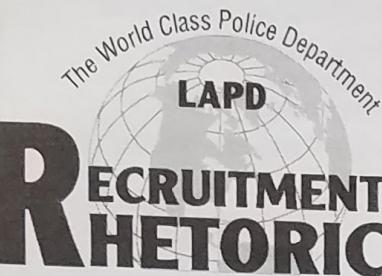
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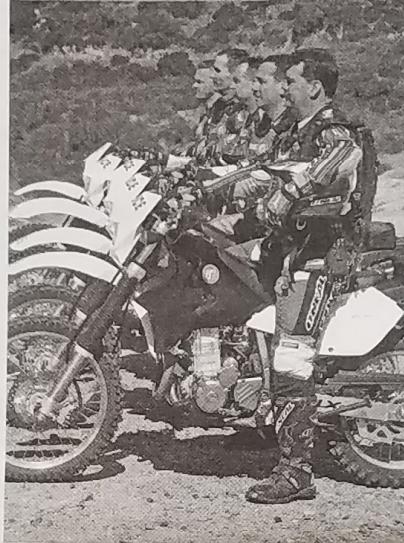
by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Section

FYI

Although we have slowed down our hiring practices, we are hiring to attrition. What that means is that we will have approximately 300 to 375 officers retiring this fiscal year and the city of Los Angeles only has enough in the fiscal budget to replace those officers. It is estimated that the city might have a budget to hire 30 additional officers. Please pass on this important information to your fellow officers and potential candidates.

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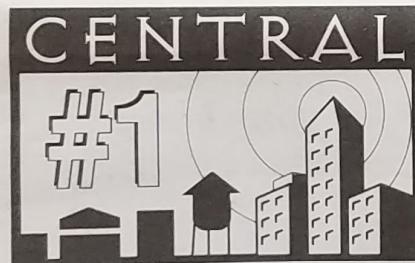
What the?

Here are some of the interesting questions that candidates asked in April, 2004:

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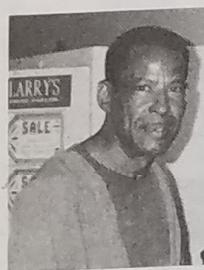
"Do I need proof of insurance if I don't own a vehicle?"

"What are the requirements and can I check on my felony?"



by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

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Larry Norris

I am sad to report that **Larry Norris** passed away Sunday, April 25th. We all knew him and most of us saw him everyday at his usual spot "Larry's Shine Parlor" located by the back door on the first floor. I had the privilege to speak to his sister, Ellen and was able to tell her what a wonderful person he was and how much we appreciated the terrific service he provided to all of us. She told me a little bit about Larry that most of us during our busy work schedules probably never knew. Larry was born on March 26, 1938 and was the middle child of a family of 13 kids. He was married, but his wife passed away many years ago. He attended and graduated from Centinella High School in Compton. She remembers Larry as very mild tempered and never recalled him ever getting angry with anyone. Larry had been shining shoes as long as she can remember, in his younger days he



would stuff a rag and can of shoe polish in his pocket and go downtown. She remembered how he collected scraps of wood just to make his first wooden shoebox. Larry worked at the Greyhound bus station for many years before he came to Central Division which has been his home for over 12 years. For anyone who ever worked at Central, I am sure that you have sat in Larry's chair and got the best shoeshine in Los Angeles. We appreciated his hard work and dedication in making us look good for all those inspections and just for our daily routine. I know that I speak for everyone that he will be missed and will be in our prayers.

Good Caper

This is overdue and I apologize for taking so long to get this in the *Blue Line*. The arrest reports were really long and I have done my best to summarize them.

During the month of January, Offi-

cers **John Armando #35146** and **Michael Fernandez #34636** of the Gang Enforcement Detail made an arrest of a Grape Street gang member in the area of 5th/Towne for possession of cocaine base. They interviewed the suspect who gave them information about "84 Swan Blood" gang members who were controlling the narcotic sales in the area. With this information they decided to follow up and conduct surveillance in the area of 5th/Sanford. During their first surveillance they observed a known gang member conduct several hand transactions of narcotic sales. They were able to arrest a "Mad Swan Blood" gang member for transportation/sales of cocaine base. During the investigation and a search of the vehicle they found additional cocaine hidden in a loaf of bread and currency. Detective **Larry Barr** followed up by obtaining a written consent to search the suspect's residence and found additional narcotics, currency, and a stolen gun. One week later at the same location they arrested a known associate of the "Swans" gang members selling cocaine. An investigation revealed that this suspect was also carrying inside his vehicle a loaf of bread, which concealed numerous bindles of cocaine base. The Gang Enforcement Detail should be recognized for their hard work and effort to combat the drug problem in the downtown area. The following officers in the unit who assisted in the arrests should also be acknowledged and commended.

Detective II Larry Barr #34036
Sergeant Richard Stabile #26260
Officer Stephen Bell #35248
Officer Yvonne Whitman #35378
Officer Nathan Hernandez #34281
Officer Michael Pettinatto #35704
Officer Richard Rogers #36188

Officer Julian Paris #34989
Officer Ryan Goosby #36269
Officer Robert Quezada #35120
Officer John Melendez #33932
Officer Leroi O'Brien #34672
Officer Anthony Suviate #35743
Officer Robert Smith #34669
Officer Janet Moulin #30249
Officer Linda Espinosa #36885

Due to teamwork and their excellent observation and investigation skills they were able to arrest the bad guys and take over 139.00 gg of rock cocaine, (THAT'S A LOT), 22 gg of marijuana, and a stolen gun off the streets. Kudos to all for a job well done.

New Daddy's

Congratulations to **Sergeant Craig Valenzuela** and his wife Janet on the birth of their son, **Mark Frederick Valenzuela**. Mark was born on April 6, 2004 at 2248 hours, weighing 7 pounds



Mark Frederick Valenzuela

10 ounces, and 21 inches in length. Congratulations are also in order to **Captain Blake Chow** and his wife on the birth of their daughter, **Thea Rosalia** born on April 14th at 1519 hours, weighing 7 lbs 11 ounces, and 19 inches in length.

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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Through the last several months, the area C/O Capt. **Albanese** used numerous different strategies to address the crime problems in the community. One such ideal was the Crime Suppression Unit, which is led by Sgt. **Kimberly Kempton** and **James Reid**. This unit has been extremely successful. The unit has used the bait car on five occasions and made ten arrests. The unit has used bait bikes on two occasions and made two arrests. This unit was activated in DP 13 of 2003 and continues to have outstanding results. Since DP 13 to now, this unit has 186 felonies, 124 misd., 484 citations.

The unit has signified teamwork and completed any mission given to them without complaint. They occasionally wear plain clothes and drive plain clothes. The war room, in conjunction with Capt. Albanese, comes up with new and innovative ideas to try and cut crime. Officers **Zourek** (who just came back from Iraq) and **Sexton** work plain clothes at night and have been extremely successful in arresting several burglars. The result is outstanding and shows in reduction of crimes. All these officers are commended on their outstanding work: P-3 **Mark Wilbur**, P-2 **Paul Harper**, P-3 **Stephanie Carrillo**, P-2 **Phil Clark**, P-2 **Karolyn Knop**, P-

2 **Humberto Najera**, P-2 **Rigoberto Vasquez**, P-2 **James Zourek**, P-2 **William Sexton**, P-2 **Thomas Conrad**, P-2 **Joseph Lloyd**, P-2 **Stuart Lomaz**, P-2 **Manuel Esqueda**.

Detectives

Area detectives are hard at work doing a lot with a little. One plan the detectives are doing in the robbery table for the summer months is to give prevention information to the ice cream vendors in the Pacoima area. Detectives **Robles**, **Quintana** and SLO officers in the area will meet with these vendors to educate them on how not to be a robbery victim and how to report them. We will also request them to be our eyes and ears on the Van Nuys Corridor area by using any phone booth in the area.

Other ideals are working with probation and parole conducting checks to keep tabs on their activity. The unit that works these problems is the CLEAR/GIT units, who are very successful in their searches. All these officers are highly qualified experts in their field.

Foothill Legions

In the month of April, 2004, Foothill area had its first reunion at Route 66 Café in the city of Canyon Country, Calif. There were over 300 present and past officers who attended this great event. The oldest officer that attended was over 80 years young. There were numerous legions that attended: Lt. **Rubio**, Lt. **Wollway**, Sgt. **Dick Wells**, who knew you by watch and basic car you worked, Sgt. **Cochran**, Sgt. **Elias**, Sgt. **Ontiveras**, Sgt. **Jay Frey**.

Sgt. **Eddger**, Sgt. **Pelch**, Sgt. **Frank Flores**, Sgt. **Ed Aranbula**, Sgt. **Rolly Cannon**, Old Gun **Cerney**, Officers **Guzman**, **Jerry** and **Patty Williams** from Williamsburg, Arizona, **Norm Dumas**, **Sid** and **Linda Benaski** from Michigan, **Gary Alvarez** from Acton,



Phil Booth, **Mike Cherry**, **Abe Caron**, **Jim Brookes**, **Mike Keller**, **Gary Thornton**, **Bob Serintino**, **Steve** and **Kelly Muldolfer**, and many more great guys.

Great thanks to **Doug Burns** for putting on this great event.

Everyone at the event stated we don't miss the job; we miss the teamwork and friendship of our brother and sister officers. I hope we have one every year to see our great friends and family of officers.

I took this from the CHP Officers Creed: "Be loyal to my fellow officers; respect and obey my seniors in rank; and enforce the law without fear; favor or discrimination." I see officers stepping up and helping each other when they need C-7 or a backup and someone needs to change a day off with another officer to be with his family, when officers are hurt on or off duty, fellow officers collect money for their families, and going to fallen officers' funerals. Like always, I like to say I work with great brother and sister officers who always give from their heart.

Tanya Cochran is a PSR assigned to Foothill area as the subpoena control

officer who monitors court for all the officers in the area. I like the fact she will track you down to make sure you signed the court book and you're at court. If you had problems, she always finds a way to help you. She always talked about the love she had in her family and how proud she was of all of them. If you had a problem, she always had an open ear and heart to let you vent. Tanya to all of us is a beautiful, kind person who cared about everyone. The day we heard of her illness and sickness was a sad day for all us at Foothill. We all had heavy hearts. We all are praying for you and your family for a speedy recovery.

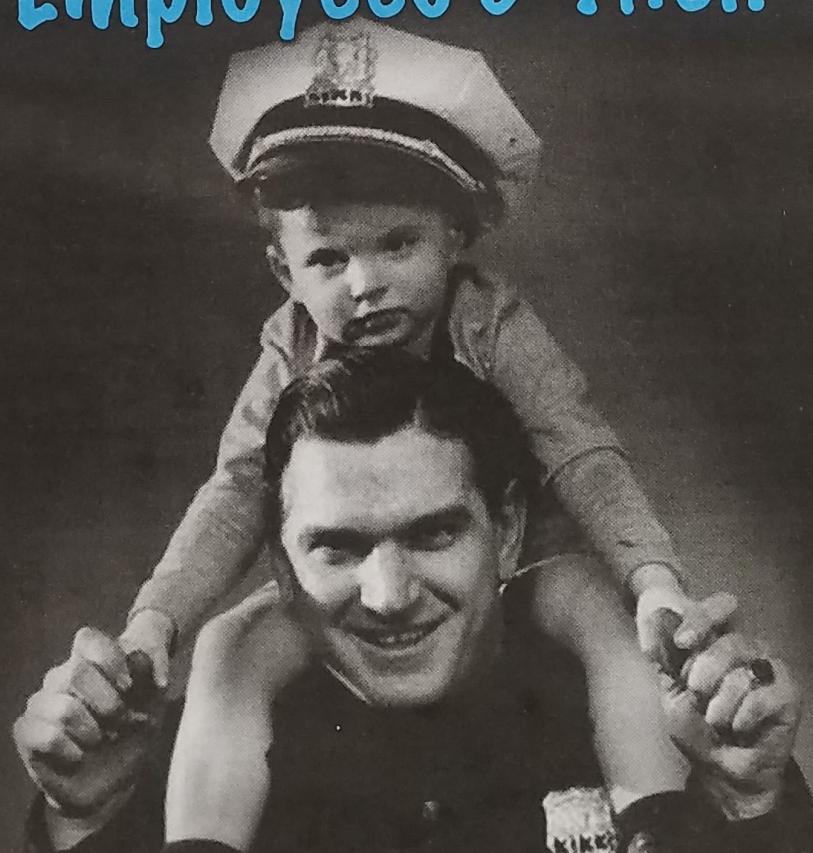
Sid's original philosophy for a happy marriage/relationship:

1. A man has got to do what a woman tells him!
2. Any man to be led will be led by a woman!
3. A man with a woman beside him will always have someone to guide him!
4. Any rough road man shall walk down will first be laden smooth by a woman!

(Amen my fellow males.) ♦

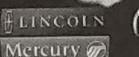
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Challenge C

XX Anniversary of Challenge Cup Relay Hits The Jackpot

By Ruben Espalin

For twenty years the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay has been infiltrating the desert with thousands of participants and spectators alike.

This year was no exception. Over 200 teams came out to run through the desert and all it has to offer to obtain one thing, a mug. This was not just any mug, but a mug commemorating one co-founder Larry Moore. Larry's heart and spirit live on through the runners and their determination.

Chuck Foote coordinated the race this year (LAPRAAC funded it) despite having a heavy heart for his longtime counterpart, Larry.

The human-interest stories abound at this year's race. In fact, at press time, the stories and photos were still coming in. In order to properly cover this aspect of the race, the July *Blue Line* will encompass the human-interest stories as well as the compelling photos of the race itself. The team results are listed in this issue.

With a solid time of 13:22:55 and a 6:41 pace, SD PD repeated as the #1 team, congratulations! ♦



Challenge Cup Relay									
OVERALL									
FIN	Tnum	Team Name	Category	FinTime	Rem	Pen	Xdla	Type	
1	2	SAN DIEGO PD - OPEN	Open	13:22:55					
2	2	SEB LASD	800	13:29:58					
3	3	FBI-LOS ANGELES	1000	13:51:29					
4	6	ORANGE CO SD - OPEN	Open	13:53:53					
5	12	CHP-SACRAMENTO	Open	13:54:18					
6	15	ORANGE CO JUDGES	Inv	14:07:57	P	5			4.6
7	5	METRO RED LAPD	Open	14:24:02					
8	8	LASD EAST LA STATION	Sta	14:26:56					
9	7	ANAHEIM PD	Open	14:36:46					
10	4	LASD MCJ	Open	14:45:32					
11	14	LONG BEACH PD #1	Mixed	14:46:02					
12	192	CDC	Open	14:56:23					
13	9	RIVERSIDE CO SD #1	Open	15:01:58					
14	11	DALLAS POLICE TEXAS	800	15:03:40					
15	17	SANTA ANA PD	Open	15:10:44					
16	16	RENO/WASHOE COUNTY	Mixed	15:11:32					
17	10	CA STATE PARKS	1000	15:13:09					
18	20	US POSTAL INSPECTORS	Inv	15:14:58	P	10			4.4a
19	22	US SECRET SERVICE	300	15:19:14					
20	214	LAPD ATD/PAB	Inv	15:26:44					
21	24	US BORDER PATROL #1	Open	15:27:03					
22	34	OREM DPS	150	15:32:32					
23	27	LASD TTFC	Mixed	15:33:56					
24	46	FBI-SAN DIEGO	300	15:35:32					
25	60	ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION	Open	15:36:05					
26	30	NEWPORT BEACH PD	150	15:36:21					
27	77	CA DOJ GOLD	Inv	15:39:07					
28	43	LAPD RETIRED	Mixed	15:42:43					
29	23	LAPD ASD/TRAINING DIV	Open	15:43:13					
30	31	LAPD WILSHIRE AREA	Mixed	15:43:22					
31	29	SAN DIEGO PROBATION	Open	15:44:23					
32	39	DEA - LA	Open	15:48:44					
33	28	LA COUNTY PROBATION	Open	15:47:11					
34	35	CDC-ADULT PAROLE	Inv	15:48:29					
35	37	ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPT	300	15:49:15	P	10			4.4a
36	26	HUNTINGTON BEACH PD	1000	15:51:43					
37	76	VENTURA CO. SHERIFF	800	15:54:21					
38	47	LAS VEGAS METRO PD	300	15:56:51					
39	68	LA SCHOOL POLICE DEPT	300	15:57:43	P	15			3.4a, 3.2, 5.5
40	93	FREMONT PD	Sta	15:58:15					
41	195	LAPD DEVONSHIRE AREA	Sta	15:58:54					
42	38	LASD CENTURY STATION	Sta	16:07:20					
43	32	LAPD NORTHEAST AREA	Sta	16:08:32					
44	18	LASD NORWALK STATION	Sta	16:09:11	P	5			3.22
45	153	EL MONTE PD	150	16:10:00					
46	154	FBI-PHOENIX AZ	300						

FIN	Trnum	Team Name	Category	FinTime	Rem	Pen	Xdla	Type	
47	50	LA DISTRICT ATT	Imx	16:12:40					
48	64	BEVERLY HILLS PD	150	16:13:02					
49	64	VENTURA POLICE DEPT.	150	16:13:21					
50	71	SANTA MONICA PD	300	16:15:00					
51	36	WOMEN-LAPD	Women	16:16:00					
52	52	LASD COURT SERVICES-MIX	800	16:17:40	P	10			3.22
53	115	US IMMIGRATION-LA	Imx	16:18:24					
54	42	RIVERSIDE CO DA	300	16:19:40					
55	48	GLENDALE PD	Inv	16:18:44					
56	125	SOUTH WALES-GREAT BRITAIN	Guest	16:20:17					
57	51	IRS-CID-US TREASURY DEPT	Inv	16:21:30					
58	269	OCEANSIDE PD	300	16:22:07					
59	88	ORANGE PD	150	16:22:43					
60	25	SAN BERN SD - OPEN	Open	16:23:30					
61	33	LAPD 77TH STREET AREA	Sta	16:25:29	P	5			4.9
62	44	LAPD RAMPART AREA	Mixed	16:25:35					
63	112	LAPD VAN NUYS AREA	Sta	16:31:56					
64	13	LAPD NEWTON AREA	Mixed	16:32:32					
65	111	KIRKLAND CITY SD	Inv	16:33:09					
66	41	MURRIETA POLICE DEPT	99	16:33:59					
67	19	LAWKWOOD STATION LASD	Sta	16:35:24					
68	73	RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPT	Mixed	16:35:35					
69	45	LAD STAR TRAINING BUR	800	16:38:23					
70	72	OXNARD PD	300	16:38:40					
71	109	LONG BEACH PD #2	1000	16:40:03					
72	63	SAN DIEGO PD - 800	800	16:43:29					
73	86	LASD INDUSTRY STATION	Sta	16:45:43					
74	116	LADA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATORS	300	16:49:09					
75	99	WOMEN-LAPD	Women	16:49:34					
76	471	FRESNO CO. SHERIFFS DEPT.	Imx	16:50:31					
77	67	TORRANCE PD	300	16:50:51					
78	73	LAPD CARSON STATION	Sta	16:51:13					
79	133	IRS-CID SAN DIEGO	Imx	16:52:15					
80	200	LAPD FOOTHILL	Inv	16:52:57					
81	147	LAPD SAN DIMAS/LIFEGUARD	Imx	16:53:08					
82	124	US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	Inv	16:53:16					
83	114	WEST COVINA POLICE DEPT.	150	16:54:52					
84	65	US CUSTOMS	Mixed	16:56:12					
85	66	US MARSHALS	1000	16:57:17	P	20			3.22, 3.22
86	98	FBI SAN FRANCISCO	1000	16:59:11	P	15			4.4a, 3.4a
87	128	LAPD SOUTHWEST/SO TRAF	Inv	17:00:27	P	5			4

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Cup Results



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Category	FinTime	Rem	Pen	Xdia	Type
Sta	17:14:14				
99	17:14:16				
99	17:15:46				
Sta	17:16:16	P	10		4.4a
Imx	17:16:21				
Women	17:18:59	P	10		4.4a
Mixed	17:20:16				
Guys	17:20:39				
300	17:21:42				
99	17:22:40				
300	17:23:02				
Imx	17:26:29				
Open	17:26:46	P	10		4.4a
Inv	17:26:51				
500	17:26:59				
600	17:27:56				
Open	17:29:59				
800	17:32:06				
150	17:33:07				
800	17:33:18				
150	17:33:48				
300	17:35:16	P	10		3.7
Sta	17:42:34				
150	17:42:52				
Imx	17:43:17				
Mixed	17:44:27				
150	17:48:29				
Open	17:50:24				
Mixed	17:51:46				
Inv	17:51:55				
Imx	17:52:18				
300	17:53:55				
Open	17:54:34				
300	17:55:36				
Inv	17:56:30				
99	17:57:12				
Open	17:57:53				
99	18:00:42	X		16:50	
Inv	18:02:12				
Sta	18:03:08	P	10		4.4a
800	18:07:11	P	5		3.4a
1000	18:08:27				
99	18:10:34				
800	18:11:05	X	5	13:03	5.22
150	18:11:18	P			
Women	18:13:44	X	5	10:45	
150	18:16:25				

FIN	Tnum	Team Name	Category	FinTime	Rem	Pen	Xdia	Type
147	136	CULVER CITY PD	150	18:17:48	P	25		4.4a,5.3,4.4a
148	162	POMONA POLICE DEPT.	Inv	18:18:13				
149	141	LASD NARCOTICS INV	Inv	18:26:34				
150	174	CHP-GOLD	Imx	18:28:44	P	10		4.4a
151	156	WOMEN-FBI	Women	18:34:04				
152	167	ARIZONA ATT GEN OFC	Imx	18:35:29				
153	127	IMPERIAL COUNTY LAW ENF	Inv	18:35:51	P	10		4.4a
154	145	LASD SANTA CLARITA STA	Sta	18:39:15	P	25		4.4b,5.aa,4.4a
155	95	LAPD WEST LA DIV	Mixed	18:40:29				
156	101	LAPD HOLLYWOOD AREA	300	18:41:51	X		11:34	
211	211	FBI-LAS VEGAS	99	18:43:29				
158	182	CYPRESS/LOS ALAMITOS PD	Imx	18:43:31				
159	161	LAPD AGGIES	Mixed	18:44:43				
160	180	FBI-SAN DIEGO MX	99	18:45:34				
161	107	REDLANDS PD	Imx	18:49:55				
162	54	CALGARY PS #2	Sta	18:50:33				
163	59	LAPD SOUTHEAST AREA	Women	18:55:33	P	10		4.4a
164	150	WOMEN-SAN DIEGO PD	Imx	18:57:46				
165	218	ORANGE CO DIST ATT	150	18:57:46	P	5		3.4
166	121	IRVINE PD	99	18:58:04	P	20		4.4a,4.4a
167	207	SOUTH GATE POLICE DEPT	300	18:58:31				
168	140	NORTH LAS VEGAS PD	300	18:58:49				
169	185	ONTARIO PD	Inv	18:59:21				
170	220	TSA FEDERAL AIR MARSHALS	150	19:01:38				
171	130	MONTREY PK/MONTCLAIR	Inv	19:02:00				
172	181	LA VERNE-SAN GAB-CLAIREM	Sta	19:03:06				
173	201	CHP-WEST LA	Imx	19:03:09	P	10		4.4a
174	106	CARLSBAD PD	19:04:27				6:23	
175	155	LASD PDC-EAST	Inv	19:04:37	X			
176	197	LAPD RESERVES	Inv	19:05:48				
177	117	LASD COMPTON STA	Open	19:06:20				
178	213	EL CAJON POLICE DEPT	150	19:09:29				
179	163	WOMEN-RIVERSIDE CO SHERIF	Sta	19:13:03				
180	183	LAPD CENTRAL TRAFFIC	19:16:04					
181	204	QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE	Mixed	19:22:30				
182	209	IRS-CI OAKLAND	Open	19:25:51	X		1:50	
183	158	SAN DIEGO SHERIFF DEPT	Imx	19:26:56	X		11:55	
184	170	IRS-CRIMINAL INVEST	Open	19:34:11				
185	94	CHP-RANCHO CUCAMONGA	Open	19:38:59				
186	973	CHP-EASTERN SIERRA LAWMEN	300	19:48:12				
187	123	ORANGE CO DA INVEST	Mixed	19:50:35				
188	146	ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPT	19:50:56					
189	178	SD DEPT HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	Inv	19:51:31	P	25		3.4b,4.4a,4.4a
190	168	VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF	Inv	19:52:13				
191	152	SOUTHEAST CITIES	Inv	19:52:16	P	30		3.4b
192	192	CALIF DEPT OF INSURANCE	Inv	20:08:14	P	15		4.4a,4.8a
193	97	LASD CRESCENTA/ALTADENA	800	20:15:30				
194	107	LASD HOMICIDE	Imx	20:20:51	P	40		3.4b,4.6,4.4a
195	139	SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF	24					
196	110	US PROB/US PRETRIAL	24					

Cat Ord	T#	TEAM NAME	Final Time	Rate	Rem	Xdia	Pen	OAO
1	8	LAPD EAST LA STATION	14:26:59	7:13				8
2	195	LAPD DEVONSHIRE AREA	15:58:15	7:59				41
3	39	LASD CENTURY STATION	16:07:20	8:03				43
4	32	LAPD NORTHEAST AREA	16:08:32	8:04				44
5	18	LAPD NORWALK STATION	16:25:29	8:12	P		5	61
6	33	LAPD 77TH STREET AREA	16:31:56	8:15				63
7	112	LAPD VAN NUYS AREA	16:35:24	8:17				67
8	19	LAKWOOD STATION LASD	16:45:43	8:22				73
9	66	LASD INDUSTRY STATION	16:51:13	8:25				78
10	83	LASD CARSON STATION	17:14:14	8:37				97
11	108	CHP WEST VALLEY	17:16:16	8:38	P		10	

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
VAN NUYS Division

2004 Van Nuys Baker to Vegas Team Wins A Mug!

by Sergeant Brian Morrison

For the past two years, the Van Nuys Division Baker to Vegas Team has set its eyes on what had previously been an elusive goal, the coveted Baker to Vegas Mug. After finishing 154th overall in 2002, the 2003 Van Nuys Baker to Vegas Team responded by promising to be "Best of the Valley." The team succeeded by ranking higher than all the other Valley Bureau teams and finishing 112th overall. But they were still without a mug.

This year, the Team and the Division were determined to stake a claim. The runners engaged in a rigorous training schedule and competed in several time

trial races to earn a spot on the team. Their efforts resulted in the fastest average times in years. As talk of pursuing a mug spread, personnel from throughout the Division showed their enthusiasm and support.

All Van Nuys personnel demonstrated an esprit de corps by purchasing and wearing Van Nuys Division Baker to Vegas T-shirt and sweatshirts. They furthered the cause by attending a fund raising barbecue, hosted by the Van Nuys Area Training Unit and Community Relations Office. The T-shirt sales and barbecue raised enough money to offset the cost of items lost in the fire and pay the majority of the race fees.

During this year's race, volunteer personnel worked tirelessly to support the runners. Their efforts helped the team move unencumbered throughout the race. The level of dedication and attention to detail by support personnel also resulted in a penalty-free race for the Van Nuys Team.

With funding provided and professional support in place, the running team was able to focus on one thing, running the best race possible. Despite temperatures in Baker, California exceeding 90 degrees during the early stages, the well-conditioned team ran an injury free race. The focus and determination of the team became apparent, when they finished within one minute of

their projected time. Due to their physical prowess, dedication to duty and teamwork, the 2004 Van Nuys Division Baker to Vegas Team finished 7th Place-Station Category and 66th overall. They earned their mug!

The 2004 Van Nuys Baker to Vegas Team Captain was Sgt. **Brian Morrison** #30789, and the Co-Captain was PSR **Martha Graham** #A9760. The runners on the team were Sgt. **Martin Mojarrro** #31917, Sgt. **Amir El-Farra** #32259, Sgt. **Brian Heany** #32460, Sgt. **David Sigler** #32904, Det. **Andy Aguayo** #27912, PIII+1 **Jose Verdin** #31536, PIII **Zoltan Mako** #31305, PIII **Sean Hansen** #33243, PIII **Hector Gutierrez** #35158, PII **John Bailey** #33445 (VTD), PII **Jason Chappell** #32156, PII **Charles Adam** #35781 (Loan FES), PII **Ruthann Scott** #33218, PII **Lucas Hamilton** #35852, PII **Isaac Moreno** #35866, PII **Ralph Brown** #34619, PII **Adam Sandoval** #36347, PI **Jose Calderon** #36972, PI **Joseph McDowell** #36994, PI **Huy Quach** #37000, PI **Isaac Wofford** #37113, PI **Derek Sykes** #36748, PI **Susan Solley** #36795 and PI **David Hawkins** #36722.

The support team consisted of the following people: Sgt. I+II **Robert Hamilton** #20690 (VTD), Sgt. **Rita Benefield** #27476 (IRD), PIII **Carol Davis** #32065, PIII **Lucy Nunez** #31185, PIII **Crystal Burke-Potts** #25860, PIII **Brenda Hinrichs** #33671, PII **Sandra Platero** #34941, PII **Kathryn Pachal** #36128, PII **Scott Sobel** #33698, PII **Tim Scott** #33281 (NHWD), PII **Kelly Chappell** #35205,

PII **Bryan Sudbery** #34823, PII **Darrell Sancho** #34299, PI **Kim Snyder** #36746, PI **Javier Vega** #36750 and PI **David An** #37015

The Loss Of A Dear Friend

It is with the deepest sorrow to announce the death of our dear friend and colleague, Detective II **Jack Gray** #27209. Jack was born on December 15, 1957 in Jeannette, Pennsylvania and succumbed to his illness on April 8, 2004. The 2004 Van Nuys Baker to Vegas run was dedicated in memory of Jack, as he loved to run and had run in previous Baker to Vegas runs. His spirit was definitely with the team as they ran extremely well and received a mug. Thanks for the memories Jack. You are definitely missed.

Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: Capt I F. Lizaraga, #22128, Sgt I R. Evans, #31289, Sgt I C. Donorovich, #32069, Sgt I D. Brounsten, #30549, Sgt I C. Gonzales, #30391, Sgt I S. Murray, #31756, PII J. Flores, #33231

Leaving: Capt I M. Moriarty, #22858 (to HWD); Sgt I D. Loera, #27515 (to NEWT); Sgt I M. Rimkunas #32211 (to NEWT); Sgt I K. Gibson, #26560 (to NHWD); Sgt I B. Morrison #30789 (to RAMP); Sgt I W. Hanna, #33764 (to WLA); Sgt I M. Fentress, #21660 (to WVAL); PII C. Kliever, #36600 (to DEV); PII K. Vollmer, #36622 (to DEV); PII R. Lugo #35316 (to JUV); MA2 G. Gautier, #N1769 (to DEV) *



Thieves Can't Hide, Because We're City Wide

by Sam Moreno
Commercial Crimes Division

Rick "Sand-trap" Walker dusted off his chaps, sashayed over to his trusty pony "Jail-Break," and saddled her up. The rest of the posse started riding up in pairs and in groups threes. Sand-trap Walker surveyed the motley crew and whispered in Jail-Break's ear, "Well if this ain't the most low down, donut eating, DROP working, two hour Code - 7 taking, LAX - overtime working, light duty, hog smellin' bunch of varmints I've ever had the misfortune to ever lay my eyes upon."

Sand-trap sure enough had his work cut out for him 'cause he had to round up these City Slicker types and drive them like cattle down to San Pedro, only the cattle might be knowing a bit more than some of the steers in this herd. "Sand-trap" cleared his throat to offer a few words of cowboy wisdom.

"Lookie here y'all, and quit yer jaw jacking! Uh, excepting the ladies of course. Miss Veksler, and Miss McNair, you keep conversating amongst yer' selves. I don't mean to interrupt." If there was one thing Sand-trap knew it was that there were two theories to arguin' with a woman, and neither one worked.

"Anyhow as I was saying, I have a few words offer before we ride. I'm a hopin' that y'all heed them and hold them dearly as sage advice on how to survive the trail to 'Pedro.'"

"Never slap a man who's chewin' tobacco. If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there. If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day. Don't squat with your spurs on. It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep. Always drink upstream from the herd. Never miss a good



chance to shut up, excepting the ladies of course. And one last thing, there are 3 kinds of people out on the range: The ones that learn by reading, the few who learn by observation, and the rest of them who have to touch the fire to see for themselves if it's really hot."

Sand-trap mad dogged the crowd with his best steely-eye Clint Eastwood stare, making sure his sagacious words had been absorbed. "Geedy-up boys! Move them out!" Off they rode, down the Harbor Trail and into Ports o' Call. They walked into the Photo Parlor Saloon and

bellied up to the bar. Sand-trap shouted, "Beer for my men, whiskey for my horses, and a photograph of these no good nicks for prosperity." And thus the CCD - Fraud Section Posse photo came to be. To be sure some of the posse are missing, but most of them are there...and to those who weren't, we'll catch up with them at the next big roundup.

Many good wishes go out to Lt. Michael Ranshaw, who was injured in a fall, and to John Metcalf, who is attending to a family illness. Call on us for any support you may need. *

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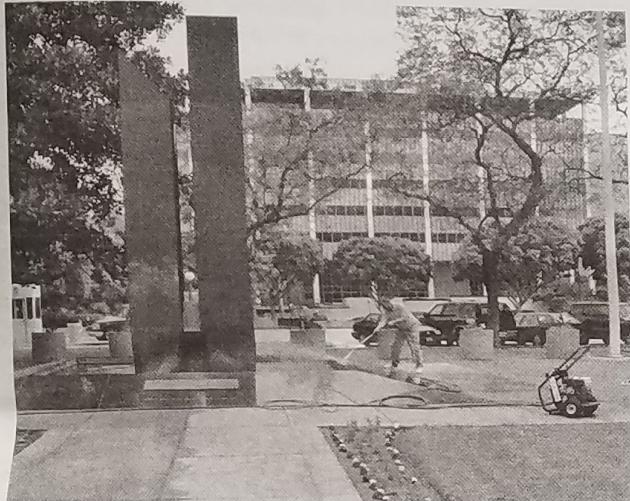
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TWO CONVENIENT LOCATIONS!

Juvenile Journal

by Jim Johnson
Juvenile Division

The Police Memorial Fountain dedicated to the memory of the fallen officers who gave their lives in the line of duty stands in front of Parker Center. While most of us personally know or are at least familiar with the stories of the some of those officers engraved on the monument, it's so easy to pass by day after day without giving notice. Detective III **Kevin Coffey**, who recently transferred into Juvenile Division, was passing by the monument when he saw a woman kneeling and crying at the base of the monument. After trying to



Kevin Coffey steam cleaning fountain.



LAPD Women's Running Team.

console the woman Kevin noticed that the monument was dirty, filled with trash, and no longer had water flowing through the fountain as designed. Kevin was upset by how disrespectful this condition was to the memory of our fallen brother and sister officers. Kevin didn't just complain about the problem, he decided to do something about it. At first, Kevin kept getting many of the same answers that the City didn't have any money to fix or maintain the fountain. That didn't stop Kevin from his goal to demonstrate respect for our fallen officers. After many meetings and phone calls, the trash has been removed, the granite stones cleaned, the electrical pumps have been fixed, and flowers have been planted around the fountain. Kevin is pictured steam cleaning the granite stones in preparation for the May 3, 2004, National Police Memorial Day Celebration.

This shows that with some determination we can get things done. We all thank you Kevin for your concern and respect for our fallen fellow officers, and for treating this great Department with honor.

The LAPD Women's Running Team took first place at this year's Baker to Vegas race. Detective III **Marcella Piersol** of Juvenile was a part of the team. This was Marcella's 18th straight year of running the race. The photo of the women's team was taken at the finish line at the Silverton Hotel. Marcella is pictured in the center, first row.

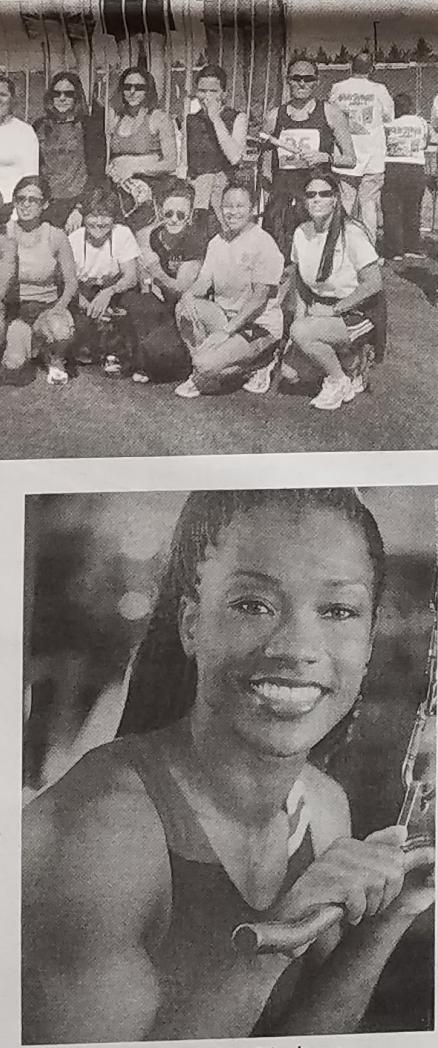
The ATD/PAB Mixed Invitational Team also took first place. Juvenile Division had four runners on that team, Captain **Sharyn Buck**, Officer **Robert Cervantes**, Detective **Hugo Cepeida** and Officer **Michael Skiff**.

Congratulations to both teams and runners for their hard work and a successful win.

Juvenile Division's Detective II **Cassandra Britt-Nicoleson** has been featured in numerous sports magazines. She has appeared in Sports Illustrated, Muscle Fitness-Her Magazine and many sporting clothes magazines as a model. Cassandra said that an advertising photographer approached her four years ago at a local gym and asked if she would be

interested in being a model. Sounded like a bad line, but it turned out to be real and her modeling career began.

Cassandra started to work out when she was 18-years old to relieve stress and to get into better physical shape. Years later and now a 14-year LAPD veteran, Cassandra says she has a strict workout program and has never missed a day of training. Cassandra is a certified personal trainer, helps out at



the academy with the Candidates Assistance Program (CAPS) and competes in the Police and Fire Olympics each year. In 2000 she won the Gold in her class for Women's Weight Lifting.

Cassandra is not only a model but also a model detective, keep up the dedication. ♦

All Round Town

submitted by Jim Deurmeier (Ret.)
Metropolitan Division

On May 29, 2004, Cadet **Matthew J. Deurmeier**, son of retired officer **Jim Deurmeier** of Metropolitan Division, graduated from the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Matt received his bachelor degree in military history and environmental engineering. While at the USMA, he competed in the 2002 Sandhurst competition, an international competition testing various military skills. That same summer Matt earned his Airborne jump wings at Fort Benning, Georgia, then continued to serve as a Company First Sergeant leading second-year cadets going through advanced infantry training. He was named to the position because of his



superior academic and military performance. Matt's senior summer was spent training with the First Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. The unit is now actively serving in Iraq. After graduation he will attend the Infantry Officer Basic Course, then on to Army Ranger School, both at Fort Benning, Georgia. He will ultimately be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, where he will be assigned to either the First Cavalry Division or the Fourth Infantry Division. ♦

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Pacific Breeze

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
Pacific Division

Greetings Amigos!

I wonder if you followed the weekly series called "The Apprentice" like I did. The most entertaining part was the end when the losing team would report to the board room with their "hat and books" and be grilled by Donald Trump and his crew. The losers knew one of them would hear those now famous words from Trump, "You're fired!" The losers knew they had to be mentally prepared and focused at this very tense meeting. This was the moment of truth for each of these participants. I was reflecting on our job as police officers, where we too may be faced with a moment of truth. I'm not talking about getting fired but rather being faced with a deadly force situation. Are you mentally prepared and focused to deal with that moment which can come at any time? Becoming complacent is our worst enemy. Please renew your focus daily and be safe.

Comings and Goings

Pacific would like to extend a warm welcome to Sgt. **David Rosenthal** from Van Nuys Area and Sgt. **Ronald Crump** from PRD. Welcome! Additionally, we would like to give a Pacific Breeze welcome to the following officers: Officer **E. Samuel** from Central, Officer **K. Barnes** from Harbor, Officer **R. Lee** and Officer **J. Leu** from Hollywood, Officer **R. Smith** from Southeast, Officer **B. Churchill** from Southwest, Officer **M. Eastman** and Officer **F. Marino** from Wilshire, Officer **J. Otrosina** from West L.A., and Officer **J. Marquez** from West Valley.

Unfortunately, Pacific Area will be losing one of its finest as Officer **Leo Lussier** departs us to join the West Valley Area crew. We are also losing a supervisor extraordinaire in Sgt. **T. Hopper** as he joins Northeast Division. Additionally, two probationary officers successfully completed their probation. Officer **T. Pintane** and Officer **R. Kutscher** are wheeling out to join the crew at Hollywood Division. We wish you all the very best.

When this article appears, we at Pacific Division will have lost our fearless leader, Capt. **Wally Graves** to retire-

ment. More on this later. However, we are privileged to announce the return of the Pacific alumnus who is our new Captain III, **Bill Williams**. The responsibility to be in charge of a patrol division is an awesome task. We welcome you and are behind you 100 percent, Capt. Williams.

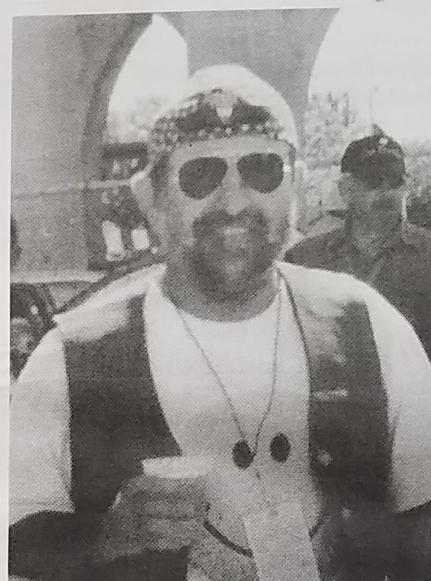
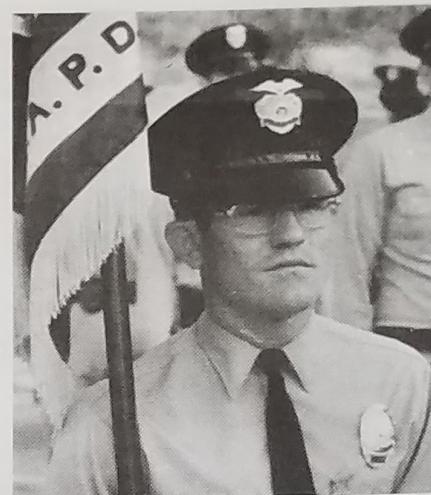
Good Police Work

During any normal roll call, extra patrol requests are read off to the watch. Typically, only the officers in the front row are furiously noting the locations down in their field officers notebook. This information really can be valuable and lead to the apprehension of those in society who prey on others diminishing the quality of living in an area. Take for example Officer **Michael Cassetta** and Officer **Michael Switzer**. They listened in roll call and took note of a burglary from motor vehicle problem in a particular RD. As they were giving this RD extra patrol, they were flagged down by a citizen who advised them he observed a suspect looking in vehicles nearby. A male matching the description given was seen and detained. Tools commonly used by burglars were found on his person so he was placed under arrest for possession of burglary tools.

Additionally, videos from a local video store were in a bag he was carrying. Officer Cassetta telephoned the video store and found they were rented by someone other than the suspect. The individual was called and he stated the videos were in his vehicle. Officers had him check and lo and behold the citizen stated his vehicle had a smashed window and the videos were missing. The suspect also had various cameras in his bag. Officer Cassetta and Switzer located two additional victims with their vehicles sustaining smashed windows. They each were able to identify the cameras as belonging to them which had been left inside of their vehicles. The suspect was rearrested for 459 PC. Although this is a property crime, these types of crimes can significantly reduce the quality of life in a targeted area. These scofflaws need to be arrested, removed from the streets and sent to the gray bar hotel for as long as the law allows.

Retirement

Captain III Wallace Graves is retiring after thirty-three years of dedicated service to the department. "Since I was a kid, I always wanted to be a cop," Graves explained. Before Graves even became a police officer, he always knew that being in law enforcement was part of his destiny. After high school, Graves joined the Army and later became a military police officer and earned a college degree. At the age of twenty-three, he joined the LAPD and became the class



Captain Graves

guidon. He graduated from the Academy class in 1972 and completed probation in Hollenbeck Division. At the time, most of the LAPD had prior military experience, was male dominated, and carried the reputation as being very aggressive.

Graves' goals on the department were to do the best job at everything that he undertook and to move on to new assignments. "As a career goal, I only saw myself as a Sergeant II." Graves was motivated and committed to every task assigned. His commitment on the job was evident as he promoted from Police Officer II to Police Officer III after three years on the job. After six years, Graves promoted to Sergeant I. Graves believes that leadership consists of three qualities—compassion for people, competence and commitment.

"I will miss working with the people I respect and admire the most," Graves stated. "It is difficult to explain the passion, courage, and integrity which lives in us all, in just a few words. However, these are just merely words on a page, which cannot describe the actions taken daily on the job. I will miss how our job as police officers touches all aspects of human drama on a daily basis." Graves added.

Graves is ready for retirement and ready to move on to the next stage of his life. He described this feeling and compared it to graduating from high school, with no particular agenda in mind. "I am ready to go play and have fun!" Graves exclaimed with a big smile. Graves is very excited to go off-roading in his Jeep Wrangler, take trips across the U.S. on his Harley, camping in his motor home, and spending more precious time with his wife, who he adores.

Captain Graves' passion for the job will never expire, as if his commitment to policing included a lifetime warranty. "Just because I am retiring doesn't mean you won't see me around here," Graves stated. Graves exclaimed, "Once a Los Angeles cop, always a Los Angeles cop."

Pacific Area Basketball Team- Wins Championship for the 2nd time in 3 years!!!!!!

The 2003-2004 Interdepartmental Basketball Season started out like every other season before it, all the teams were evenly matched. After the first few games it was obvious that Pacific and Wilshire Areas were going to be the front runners of the "C" league. Pacific started out strong with an undefeated record with Wilshire following close behind in the standings. The show down between the two Areas proved to be an exciting game with Wilshire coming out on top by 3 points. Pacific vowed revenge.

As the season wore on Pacific grew stronger, entering the playoffs with only the one loss. Pacific was surely the team to beat in the playoffs as the number one seed. As teams got deeper into the playoffs another show down between Pacific and Wilshire seemed sure to happen, but Wilshire lost in the later rounds of the playoffs and Pacific met a very talented Hollywood Area Team. Pacific stepped up their defensive play and came out victorious to win the Championship. With stellar play from Sean Lewis, Randy Peterson, Chris Costley, Greg Jacobis and Rob Hillard, Pacific would not be denied.

If not for the coaching of LAX Detectives **Julius Levy** and **Rich Householder** the season might not have been as successful. They pushed the players when necessary, keeping their minds focused on the Title.

Again congratulations to all the players for their dedication to the team this season: **Chris Costley**, **Robert Guevara**, **Ralph Vincent**, **Eddie Yoon**, **Andy Smith**, **Greg Jacobis**, **Randy Peterson**, **Barry Blocker**, **David Dalzell**, **Joe Cruz**, **Rob Hillard**, **Sean Lewis**, **Michael Carodine**, **Dwight Nolan**, **Anthony Magdaleno**. Great Job!!!!!!

Babies R' Us

As reported in my last article, the water here in Pacific Area has produced many young bundles of joy. The current



Presley Quinano Eldridge

photo is the proud bundle of joy for Officer **James "El" Eldridge** and his better half, Chevelle. The future gridiron star is Presley Quijano Eldridge, eight months old with the moniker "E2." Also, Officer **John "Fred Astaire" Redican** and his wife are proud to announce the birth of their first child, daughter Riley Shea Redican. She was born April 30 at 0209 hours.

Finally, don't forget your fellow brother and sister officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call and spread some cheer their way.

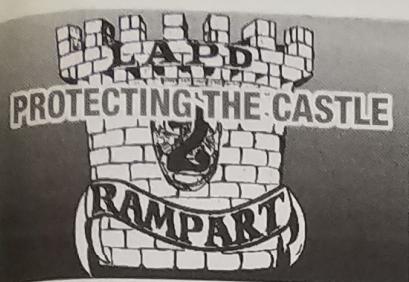
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by Fitz
Rampart Division

In Memory

Our thoughts and prayers go out the family of D2 **Ruben Whittington** who passed away recently. Ruben worked as our night watch Detective a few years ago and promoted his way to the ranks of DHD. Many *Rampart* coppers have fond memories of Ruben assisting in various crime scenes and ensuring he helped out in a thorough investigation. Ruben was a wealth of experience, intelligence and always had a snicker grin on his face. He will be missed yet, his spirit shall forever live on in *The Castle*.

Speedy Recovery

Our thoughts are with Sgt. **Joe McWilliams** during his time off and wishing him a quick return to work after his surgery. To our favorite boot **Santiago Gascon**, you remain in our thoughts and prayers...we're all waiting for your visit to the station, we miss you brother! Shout out to P2 **Steve Hernandez** with his broken knee...

Outs...

Sgt. **Adrienne Legaspi** and brand spankin' new P2 **Roy Diaz** are both out to shootin' Newton to join Lt. **Paul Torrence**. Another boot squeaked by, P2 **David Kim** is out to Hollywood...don't get too star struck and forget your *Rampart* tactics!

Special shout out to P3 **Jimmy Woods** who transferred out to West Valley last year. Jimmy had a strong reputation for being a hard workin' copper at *Rampart*...Mac Park's finest still ask about good 'ole Jimmy! Not long after hitting the streets out in the Valley, Jimmy earned the Officer of the Year

award from his peers. You better believe that the *Rampart* work ethic was ever present and showed Jimmy to be a leader amongst others once again.

Injunction Junction

The overall function of a gang injunction is to eliminate the street presence of gang members in a given designated area by enforcing quality of life crimes. *Rampart Division* is the birthplace for the largest Hispanic gangs in the world. The infamous 18th Street and Mara Salvatrucha gangs had their start in our very own division and have spread throughout the country and into Central America. With an injunction in place for each gang, officers are afforded the opportunity to enforce specific guidelines against documented active members of both the 18th St. and MS gang. With the ever present success of the original 18th St. injunction, the newly approved MS injunction is sure to have a positive effect on the community and give the streets back to the citizens.

Capers...

LT **Greg Baltad** and P2 **Tuyet "Lisa" Nguyen** perform quick life saving measures on a choking infant in the station lobby...get ready to add a pin to your uniform, guys! P3 **Eddie "Kitty" Arangure** and P2 **Enrique "Pac Man" Hernandez** chase down an 18th Streeter runnin' with a gun in hand. P2 **Brent "Fuego" Phillips** and P2 **Jeff "TC" Bruner** get a drifter with a gat in his pocket...and then, nab a Rockwood gangster wanted for 211. P3 **Andy "Woogie" Taylor** and his boot **Salcedo Mata** get a couple Mara gangsters with a 9-mill. P3 **Eric Rogers** and P2 **Jose Sanchez** get a new bootie from Witmer St. holding a strap. P2 **Steve "Butter Finger" Hernandez** and P2 **Edgar "Coaxial" Hernandez** chase an 18th St. pelon with a revolver in his waistband...and then, nab another fake-teenager for pullin' 211's in Central Division. P2 **Paul Hendry** and his boot **Danny Bunch Jr.**, nab a gangster hidin' a strap in a tree...and then, assist FES in nabbing his partner with tons of dope. P2 **Danny "Wild Bill" Arrona** and his partner get in a foot chase after a RW onion-head wanted on a couple felony

warrants...P3 **Eric Rogers** assists and helps out taking him into custody with incident. P3 **Justin "Big Stew" Stewart** and P2 **Tom "Big T" Loera** pick up a female off a dope warrant flyer who Homicide Detectives wanted to "talk to..." and then, Big T and P2 **Antonio "Silent" Hernandez** get a Varrio Vista Rifa gangsta with a strap...Pipe down, Loera! Good job, guys...keep those suspects on their toes!

Got Mug?

What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas! Except this...

The lighting speed *Rampart Running Team* had yet another dynamic showing

socks! P3 **Arthur "Artie" Gamboa** stopped dead in his tracks for a quick water break, offered a passing runner a chug and then sprinted up to catch and pass him! P3 **Isabel "Val" Valdovinos** passed the baton to Sgt. **Jeff Wenninger** who sprinted by 6 other teams to reach his catcher...must be that new Super-Cut! P2 **Edgar Hernandez** ran to the sounds of "Grease Lighting" blaring in his head phones! P2 **Jason Abner** ran it with a cleanly shaven head! **Cowboy** finished his leg without even breakin' a sweat! P3 **Paul Hendry** thought *The Sheik* might catch up to him on his leg...but, the Valley can't stop *Rampart*! Det. **Christina Frus** returned to run for



Vegas Baby!

at the 2004 *Baker to Vegas* relay race. Coppers found their way to Vegas by bus, car and plane...some even got punk'd by Seal on the way! After a Friday night of healthy hydration, *Rampart* hit the ground runnin' and never looked back. Sgt. **Mike Daly** started us off and P3 **Jimmy Muniz** brought us to the finish line. P2 **Kasie "KC" Chavez** took a break from CSOC and ran for *The Castle*! P3 **Claudia Gray** ran and showed her hubby how *Rampart* does it! P2 **Danny "Chop Suey" Arrona** ran his leg and finished like a run-away Mack truck to pass the baton to his partner. P1's **Thomas Datto** and **Carmen Fabian** participated in the run like every good boot should. Det **Jimmy Erwin** was a bolt of lighting through his leg. P2 **Frank "Razor Ramon" Garcia** ran a knee-breakin' leg and P2 **Chris Andrade** ran his with no

Rampart, accompanied by her personal bodyguard **Big Scottie**! P2 **Johnny "Superman" Pultz** ran straight up a mountain with 7 minute splits! Special thanks to our alternates, support and to D3 **Ricky "Tag You're It" Ramos** and **Mariana Vasquez** for putting it all together. Good job, team! You've got your mugs...now, go drink that brew!

Just Married...

Congrats to a couple of coppers who tied the knot. P2 **Jess Faber** married a former Commander's daughter, Becky Koenig, got friends in high places...huh, Jess? P2 **Patti Mendoza** wed jailer Matt Gonzales...bet you get your 9-lines done in record time! P3 **Megan Prestler** also tied the knot to her sweetheart Mario... she tried to keep it on the down-low, but that's impossible at *Rampart*! Congrats and best wishes! ♦

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Military Liaison Officer

In my April article I recommended that returning veterans strongly consider taking the upcoming Police Officer-III (P-III) examination on June 12, 2004, even if you do not meet the time requirements. Please review April's article for details or call the Employee Selection Unit at 213-847-7956. I am reemphasizing this issue because of a recent contact by an officer that returned from serving over 18 months of active military duty, much of which was in combat zones. This officer is a Police Officer III and has a desire to promote on the Department. During his terminal leave from the military and prior to returning for duty with the Department, he learned he had missed the Department Sergeant's promotional examination. He contacted the Employee Selection Unit to inquire as to what provisions are made for personnel in his situation. He was informed that in compliance with federal guidelines and City of Los Angeles Civil Service Rules, the Department will allow returning veterans to take both "Open" examinations and "Promotional" examinations upon returning from "military commitments." However, there are rules and guidelines designed to protect all parties involved. In his case, he was allowed to take the Sergeant's examination, but had less than two weeks to prepare. Considering the amount of changes that have occurred in the Department during his military activation, the fact he had to change from military thinking to Department reasoning, and the lack of study material and time, his five points

shy of passing was pretty good. Based on this experience, it is in your (personnel currently serving in the Guard and Reserves) best interest to know and understand these rules and regulations prior to being called into active military service. The first step in this process is to be aware of the various promotional examination (P-III, Sgt., Det., etc.) cycles. Because Department personnel serving in the Guard and Reserve are never really sure when and if they will be called to active military duty, they should take every opportunity to prepare and obtain study material. Upon notification of recall to active military duty, you should contact the Employee Selection Unit and advise them of your military status and at that same time seek current guidance on how to apply for either a "late" test or "military written test administration." To qualify to take the test while on active military duty, the duty station must be more than 125 miles from Los Angeles. At the time of activation, inform the Employee Selection Unit (ESU) at 213-847-7956 of your desire to test while on active military duty or immediately upon your return to the Department. All requests for late test administration due to military service must be received at ESU three days prior to the scheduled test date. In addition, a letter signed by the appropriate military commanding officer on military letterhead must accompany the request. There are other policies and rules that deal with this important issue. As in many of the topics I bring to your attention, I cannot cover the issues in their entirety, but I am merely attempting to bring military related issues to your attention prior to them having a negative effect on you and your family. By being informed of issues in advance you can take appropriate action and deal directly with the entities responsible for handling the matter in a timely manner and avoid missing benefits or services that you rate.

Medical Benefits Cards: Among the many calls for assistance and information on benefits, procedures and services received daily by the Military Liaison Officer (MLO), one recent call stood out from the others. The wife of a Department employee, who has been serving on active military duty since 2002, called the MLO (very upset) requesting assistance and intervention with a medical benefits issue(s) that involved the City, Department, and associated benefits providers. The employee's wife had taken a sick child for emergency medical treatment and was rudely informed that her Department medical card was no longer valid, which triggered a chain of events that increasingly upset her. She made several attempts to resolve

the problem on her own with negative results. She informed the MLO that everyone she contacted refused to respect her "authority" as the personal affairs caretaker of her husband's accounts and even refused to honor her notarized Power of Attorney, that she provided upon their request. Within a couple of hours of my conversation with the employee's wife, I had reviewed the Power of Attorney and verified its weight in this matter, contacted all parties and entities involved, determined the problem and assisted in resolving the issue to the wife's full satisfaction. The initial problem in this case was caused by the fact that the employee had not updated his mailing address with all Department entities and associated benefits providers. It was compounded by the fact that many medical benefits providers are reissuing medical benefits cards with the employee's social security number removed. This case highlights the importance of reviewing all your Department and personal records to ensure up-to-date and accurate information has been provided to the necessary entities. This should be done on a periodic basis and reviewed again at the time of military activation. **Special attention should be paid to beneficiaries on all policies and accounts.**

LAPD recognized by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) as an "Outstanding Employer" on their web site at www.esgr.com. The ESGR is a federally sponsored organization who's mission is: "To gain and maintain support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve as defined by demonstrated employer commitment to employees' military service." The ESGR has posted the Department's logo on their web site as an outstanding employer, among some of the "who's who" of corporate America. Working with the ESGR, I was able to coordinate the Department's first participation in the "Bosslift" program. The ESGR Bosslift program transports employers and supervisors to military training sites where they observe National Guard and Reserve members on duty as part of the military's "Total Force" concept. This provides the employer a better understanding of what their reservists do when they are away from their civilian occupation for duty with their military units. Employers see firsthand the type and quality of military training and leadership activities National Guard and Reserve members perform and receive. On April 15, nine Department employees boarded the U.S.S. Lassen, DDG-82, a (new) guided missile destroyer, in San Diego and spent the next 12 hours as VIP guests of the ESGR and the United States Navy. The group was escorted by FC2 Anjelica L. Colby, USN, who did an outstanding job. They enjoyed navy chow, complete tour of the ship, and demonstrations as they cruised along the California coastline and into Long Beach Harbor. The Department was well represented by Captain Bruce Crosley, Captain Joseph Curreri, Captain Patrick Findley, Captain John Sherman, Captain Andy Smith, Lieutenant Denis Cremins, Sergeant Steve Ulrich, Officer Ramona Beaty-a representative from the Memorial Foundation and Director Peter Repovich from the Police Protective League. The Department's active participation in this event will assure future invitations to bigger and better Bosslifts. This program enlightened Department frontline supervisors to the challenges faced by their reserve

employees during military activation and helped to ensure a better understanding and fairer treatment upon return to duty and reintegration to the Department. The ESGR offers several other support, training, education and public relations opportunities that the Department can take advantage of. The Military Liaison Officer is currently exploring several of these options and maintains positive contact with this vital support organization.

Reintegration Training (clarified)
Another issue I covered (briefly) in the "Question and Answer" section of my April article was Reintegration Training for employees returning from extended military service. In all of my articles I try to keep the information brief and not too dry like official Department publications. The purpose of this monthly column is to enlighten employees, their families and Department entities on military related issues. Because of this brevity, I always recommend the reader either review the official reference or contact the subject matter expert on the particular subject. Having said that, I received a very nice e-mail and follow-up contact from Sergeant **Theodore Reyland**, Emergency Services Division. Sergeant Reyland has both vast Department and military knowledge and experience. He called and offered his advice on reintegration training, a very important subject that affects all returning veterans. Sergeant Reyland is currently working on a project for his division on this same subject. In addition to the Department Notice (Office of the Chief of Police, Special Order No. 11, dated May 21, 2001), he suggested I provide the Department Manual section (section 3/731.20) that covers **Reintegration Training. It is important for employees serving in the Guard and Reserve to review and understand both the Department Manual section and the Chief of Police Notice that covers your rights and obligations upon returning to duty after an extended absence (60 days). Of utmost importance among these requirements is firearms training and re-qualification, which MUST be accomplished prior to assuming duty in the field.** Thanks Sergeant Reyland, for your input and concern for your fellow employees and comrades in arms.

Military Spouse Day: May 7th is National Military Spouse Day (est. 1987). Although late, I want to congratulate all the former and current military spouses out there. It has been said many times that "Being a military spouse is the toughest job in the Armed Forces." That statement holds twice the weight when you take into account that our military spouses are also Los Angeles Police Department spouses. As the Military Liaison Officer, my hat is off to all of you because I see on a daily basis the many issues you deal with.

Attention to Orders: It is requested that each employee currently on active military duty or those anticipating activation, provide the Military Liaison Officer with your correct Home of Record address and current military (FPO) mailing address and military e-mail accounts. It is further requested that you keep these addresses updated as necessary. The Military Liaison Officer needs this information to better serve you, as the Department increasingly turns to the Military Liaison Program to communicate with our employees serving on active duty. You or your family member can provide this information to me via phone, fax, mail, or e-mail. ♦

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First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division and the
Department Command Post

Baker to Vegas

Communication Division had a lot of fun at the recent Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. Running in the Invitational Mixed Division category the



Communications team celebrates their strong finish.

team finished in 15 place and earned a mug for the first time since the race was founded. Overall the Comm Div team moved from 190 overall (last year) to

Farm. A highlight of the week was when the stars to the daytime drama "The Young and the Restless" dropped by for a visit. Thanks to all the officers who



Chief Bratton and Councilman Zine honor PSR Kristina Montenegro. Looking on is her Mother, also a PSR, Loretta Montenegro.



Chief Bratton, Command Staff, and City Council Members honor PSR Andres Mendoza for outstanding service during National Dispatchers Week.

123. The team consisted of both sworn and civilian employees of the division. Team Captains Sr PSRs Anita Whited and Elise Rodriguez, as well as Lt Ann Barrera, and Lt Stan Ludwig encouraged the Communications PSR's during

dropped by and said a few kind words to their PSR.

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the many practice runs as well as setting the pace for the team in the desert. Cpt Smith ran during the hottest part of the day and got a little nervous when a paramedic unit pulled along side and trailed him for a while. He didn't think he looked that BAD!

National Dispatchers Week

Communications Division honored its PSR's during the week of April 12. Chief of Police **Bratton** and Assistant Chief **Papa** and several Councilpersons were gracious in attending roll call and giving the dispatchers a well deserved "pat on the back." The week which included food and prizes included recognition of our dispatchers at the California Public-Safety Radio Association Banquet which was held at the Radisson Resort at Knott's Berry

Winning With West Traffic

by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

Welcome to **Cesar Rodriguez** from Northeast Division, **Anthony Perez** from 77th, **Regina Smith** from Central, **Len Lai** from Hollywood, **Robert Fuller** from Rampart, **Robert Heredia**



and **Derek Sledge** from STD, and motorman **Angel Cervantes** from VTD.

Our losses include **Clarence Williams** off to Narco, and **Mike Henderson** off to CTD motors (way to go—you look great in them boots!).

Last, but not least, we lost a great captain in **Bill Williams** who went back to Pacific Station at a III. Replacing him is **David Baca** from OO. Welcome—now start practicing your golf for the Manos Arriba tournament!

Baker to Vegas

Congrats to **Mike Johnson**, **Robert Powers** and **A.C. Henry** who ran for the Wilshire/WTD team which placed 12th in their division. Sgt. **Krajchir** helped



out the first place LAPD women's running team, and Sgt. **Cindy Marlow** was on the motorcycle squad for race course security. Her peers voted her as volunteer of the year and she received the first ever Larry Moore Memorial Award for her efforts.

Retirements

Well it's official—Sgt. I "Tahoe" **Bob Topete**, #17725, has decided Vegas is much more exciting than the city of L.A. After 31 and a half years on the job (with over 17 years here at WTD), Bob has decided to retire. Come back and visit so we can give you a proper sendoff! Thanks for your leadership, Sarge!!

Officer of the Quarter

Congrats to Collision Investigator extraordinaire **Chun Yim** as our Officer of the Quarter. Chun has been with WTD since October, 2001, and has developed into an excellent CI cop. Chun consistently provides quality service and has received numerous commendations from the public. Off duty he does a lot of volunteer work at his church and also teaches English as a second language in Mexico. He is a valuable asset to WTD. Thanks for all your hard work!!

Lastly

A big thank you to **Tom Gracey** for handling the *Blue Line* entries while I was IOD. Thanks, buddy. I owe you a Starbucks coffee!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS

by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Looks like earthquake weather. Keep your eyes on the "Hollywood sign" and if you see it shaking, you know it's time to start your long vacation.

So let's look around and see who is still here. I see Capt. **David Baca** has left us for WTD. Taking his place (as if it's possible) is Capt. **Mike Moriarty** from Van Nuys (Welcome, Sir). Just transferred include: Sergeants **D. Torres** and **R. Vidal** from Newton (2 for 1 deal). They got Sgt. **B. Brockway** (So what if he was our Supervisor of the Year, 2003). Gone are Sgt. **D. Brounsten** and **C. Gonzales** to Van Nuys, P-2s **D. Cornejo** to CB, **M. Nunez** to Foothill, **W. Benge** to NHWD, **R. Lee** and **J. Leu** both to Pacific.

I see that Officer **Jim McSorley** is back from NYPD and working Patrol here again. The transfer list showed him GOA by mistake. (Sorry, Dude.)

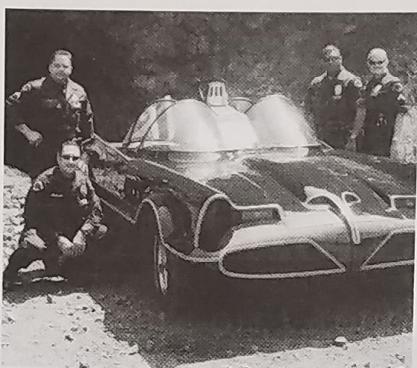
Sports Update

The LAPRAAC softball season is in

full swing. Your Hollywood team is undefeated in the first half of play. Lt. **Lombardo** and Coach **Toledo** are happy with the team's chances to win the Red Davis Tournament. Det. **Pelletier** almost witnessed sports history when team leader Det. **Chevolek** committed two of our team's three outs in the same inning.

Patrol Stories

Hollywood TAB Officers **Jay Ealy**, **Heather Gahry**, **Dave Abdalian** and **Mike Rippe** were on patrol in the Hollywood Hills looking for illegal



encampments. They observed two men running down a trail into a cave. Officers initiated a Code 3 foot pursuit of the trespassers into the cave. The suspects were not located but officers recovered their vehicle. Still outstanding are the suspects described as two white males wearing masks, capes and tights. Anyone with information is asked to notify Hollywood Division. ♦

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PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning and Research Division

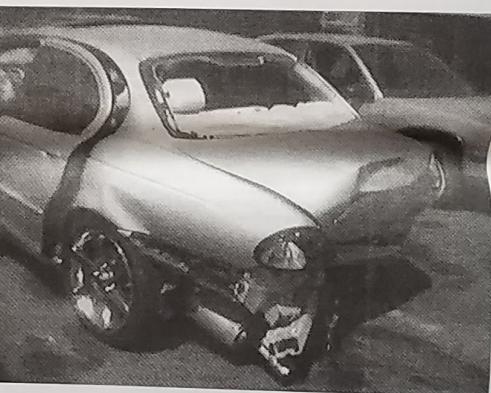
H&G's (Hi's and Goodbyes)

Officer **Sara Faden** is off to the Public Information Office in search of her dream of becoming an officer that works at the Public Information Office. Congrats, you made it.

Other Stuff

During the month of April, **Troy Collins** won multiple silver medals at the 4th annual U.S. Sumo Open competition held downtown at the New Otani Hotel. His "petite" 250 lb. frame qualified him as a middleweight in this sport of giants. Troy has traveled all over the world competing in this ancient sport and loves to share its long history with others. The first thing he clarifies is that it's not a diaper; it's a muwashi. (I say it all depends on who you ask.)

Crunch! **Kelvin Young** was recently involved in a major traffic collision while cruising down the 91 Freeway. Luckily, his Jag-u-war did its job and he's still among us, walking and talking. Kelvin promotes his business during his



off time and what better way to sell the service than to show it works? Was it all just a publicity stunt? You be the judge. All that's left for him to do now is deciding which 2005 model will replace his totaled kitty.

The 1st annual LAPD Charity Motorcycle Competition went well. In the winner's circle, our very own Capt. **Brad Merritt** walked away with certificates for Best Custom Paint and the COP Award. Congratulations! With almost 30 bikes registered and several inquiries about next year's show, this may become quite a big event in the future.

Call to Duty

Several months ago, Officer **Stephen Crawford** was notified that he would be deployed to Iraq. During May, we at PRD prepared a care package for him. I asked his friend and coworker, Officer **James McDonald**, to tell me a little about him. Here's Stephen's one minute/one second.

Stephen is a Staff Sergeant (E-6) in the USMC with 16 years of service. After serving four years active duty, he transferred to reserve status. He deployed to Kuwait during the first Gulf War and is currently stationed somewhere in central Iraq. The "home" he shares with his five fellow crewmembers is made of several tent pieces sewn together, and a/c is nonexistent in the 100 to 120 degree heat.

SSgt. Crawford is the leader of a team responsible for loading Cobra helicopters with rockets and munitions. During battle, his team remains mobile, leaving the relative safety of their base so that the choppers can reload without expending excess fuel returning to camp.

James also had this to say: "Steve is a hero in my eyes. He's a competent police officer and a true friend. In the three years I worked with him, I never had to worry about my back. He is missed by his wife, Bronwyn, his five-year-old daughter Rachel, and one-year-old son Matthew."

Take care, Steve, you are missed.

Until next time...C-ya. ♦

TRAFFIC TALK

by Rudy Baca
South Traffic Division

New Kids on the Shaw

We welcome Officer **Melton**, Officer **Price**, Officer **Chew**, Officer **Pazzulla**, Officer **Baldwin**, Officer **D. Wilson**, and second generation Officer **Holguin**, whose father, P-3 **Ruben Holguin** is down the hall assigned to DARE Division.

Birthday Surprise

Not new here, but celebrating a birthday is Officer **Becky Strong**. Can you believe it? She looks as young as when she first came on the job. We surprised her with some cake and ice cream. Becky is a hard-working CI officer who is assigned to the Elite E-car cadre. Her bright smile and high-energy attitude make her a pleasure to be around. Happy birthday!

Robo Cops?

There is only one Robo Cop, and he works South Traffic Division, after numerous metallic implants and some



physical therapy. The local steel welding machine shop has returned him to us, ready and rebuilt! Officer **Ron "Robo Cop" Roberson** has returned to full duty and will be working the complaint unit. We are glad to have him back at work, even though he cannot walk through a metal detector or get too close to any large magnets.

Trading Spaces

Tired of that same old avocado mousse-colored couch? Does your carpet look like the floor in your roll call room? Redecorate. Why not use the help of a popular cable home improvement show? Officer **Alex Chogyiji** decided his home needed a makeover. Alex purchased the single story ranch style home



in Pacific Division nearly four years ago. Luckily his neighbors, Gwenn and Andrew, were also willing to make a little change in their home. Alex and his wife Jennifer put in an application to be

on the TLC hit show "Trading Spaces." Alex figured that maybe in a few months he might get a letter to be on a waiting list. Nope! In three weeks he got a call and was told to be ready for a three-day shoot. On February 26, movie trucks, camera crew, and the show's very attractive host, Paige Davis, arrived. For the next three days and with a budget of \$1,000 the remodeling challenge began. Designer Christy assisted Alex and his wife in remodeling their neighbors' living room. In exchange, the Chogyiji's bedroom was redone by designer Edward and their neighbors. If you have seen the show, you know they apply crazy ideas with wild colors and unusual furniture pieces.

At first they were a little apprehensive, but in the end it all turned out very well. We were not allowed to know what exactly took place, not until the show airs. Look for episode #44 to air May 15 at 8:00 p.m. on The Learning Channel. Check your local listings for repeat episodes.

Next month's issue will feature our secret South Traffic's classic guitar playing collision investigator. This breaking story is almost two months behind. We are patiently waiting to get a clear picture of him and his guitar. Stay tuned and keep the shiny side up. ♦

Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Ins and Outs

DP #5 was pretty quiet for us in the Tip, with 2 incoming and 4 outgoing this time around.

Leaving us was Sgt.1 **Gerald Woodyard**, now calling Rampart Division home; P-3 **Michael Fairchild** left us for Special Operations Bureau; P-2 **Aaron Fougere** is taking traffic reports at Central Traffic Division; P-2 **Kirk Barnes** left us for different waters out at Pacific Division. Incoming from Rampart Division is Sgt.1 **Daniel Galindo** and from West L.A. Division is Sgt.1 **Brian Gallagher**. Welcome and best of luck to all of you.

Baker to Vegas Race

The Harbor Division was proud to be part of the legendary race this year with the Harbor Sharks entering the mixed division category. The Sharks worked hard and put a lot of effort into preparing for the event with various fund raisers



Harbor Sharks Baker to Vegas running team.

and workouts, and when it came down to race time they were ready and willing to give it their all. The Sharks placed 11th in their category and all runners took home a winner's mug. The team consisted of Capt. **Paul Pesqueira**, Lt. **Phil Tingrides**, Sgt. **Bruce Barrios**, Sgt. **Gerald Woodyard**, Sgt. **Scott Engedal**, Sgt. **Gregory Hoskins**, Det. **Audrey Hook**, Ofc. **Melanie Hainline**, Ana **Pinell**, John **Hayes**, Kristen **Koskelin**, Dan **Robbins**, Victor **Acevedo**, Fernando **Lopez**, Fernando **Rivas**, Zack **McCready**, Bryan **Gregson**, Alma **Skefich**, Roger **Cuevas**, James **Stover**, and Doug **Barnhart**. A huge thank you to **Herb Cirilo** for supplying the necessary guidance and direction, and to all support staff in the follow vehicles, on the ground, along the race route, pre-race, post race and everywhere else in between. I heard the weather was unforgiving, with air temps at 95 degrees, and ground temps were

100 degrees and above at five in the evening, the start time of the race. Thanks once again to one and all for putting your heart and guts into it, and putting Harbor Division back on the map.

From Overseas

Let's not forget our brothers and sisters in blue who are still serving our country on foreign soil with the war in Iraq. Harbor Officer **Andrew Dorcas** came to the Harbor a little over a year ago, and within a short time was called upon for military duty as an Army Reservist. He has been deployed for the last 13 months on active duty, and just finished up the duties of providing security for the United Nations team that came to Iraq and spoke with different local leaders involving the elections



Harbor Officer Andrew Dorcas (on the left) with some new friends in Iraq.

to be held. Officer Dorcas works the Protective Services Unit (PSU) Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

IRAQ. This unit provides protection details to all visiting dignitaries such as Congressman, Governors, Prime Ministers, etc. They also provide protection to three Deputy Ambassadors of U.S. Ambassador Paul Bremmer, wherever and whenever they

travel within Iraq. Ofc. Dorcas tells us they receive rocket and mortar attacks several times a week on the Palace grounds where they stay, and hopes that the orders for his tour of duty to be over in July will stay solid, so he can come home.

The Harbor wishes the best of luck to you and your unit for a safe return, Andrew.

In Closing

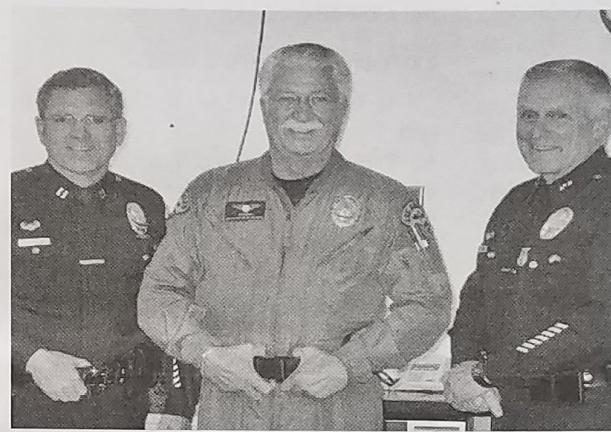
I think it's a safe bet to say that we should be very thankful here on U.S. soil because of the efforts of folks past, present and future, like Ofc. Dorcas. Yeah, the price of gas is high, the interest rates are going up again, and the temperatures are getting hotter, but where else in the world can you live, work, and play in freedom? In the meantime, don't forget to be safe, be smart, be sound, be sure, and keep on dancing.

the Bird's Eye View

by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

30 Years of Service

A thirty year pin was presented in April to ASD Reserve Officer **Terry Spahr**. Thirty years is a great accomplishment



Terry Spahr

for anyone in law enforcement. It is incredible when the thirty years of service to the LAPD and the citizens of Los Angeles is that of a volunteer. Individuals with successful careers outside of law enforcement who then give up their free time to fight crime in LA are a rare breed. Terry is one of those reserves.

Most of Terry's thirty years have been at ASD working as a Tactical Flight Officer. All of you have had Terry above you at one time or another unless you have never worked a Saturday or Sunday.

Congratulations Terry from all of us at Air Support, and thank you for your dedication to the LAPD. By the way, I didn't hear the word retirement at this ceremony. I know Terry has some more years in him.

Two New Certified Flight Instructors

Pilot **Gil Campos** and Lt. **Rich Dyer** recently completed all the requirements

to become flight instructors. This required a great deal of book work, two FAA written exams, and an FAA flight test. Congratulations to both of you for this aviation accomplishment.

ASD Just Lost a Great Leader

In April Lt. **Bob Green** was asked to be the new OIC of Hazardous Device Section. That includes the bomb squad, haz-mat, and the airport K-9's. Bob accepted this challenge leaving the division where he has served as a sergeant and lieutenant.

Bob is a sought after commodity on this department. His background, experience, work ethic, and leadership skills are very hard to find. Bob has a great deal of tactical experience which has been evident throughout his career particularly in SWAT, K-9, ASD, and a big role in the DNC.

Bob is always looking forward without forgetting the past. He is always open to new ideas that are well thought out. OK, you figured it out, we miss him already.

All of us at ASD wish Bob the best of luck in his new position.

ASD Tip of the Month

Explosive devices and aircraft are not compatible. The bomb squad notifies ASD of every bomb and the location is then passed onto all of the aircrews flying. This is so they crews can avoid the area. If an explosion should occur, the shock wave and/or shrapnel could bring down a low flying helicopter in the area.

Occasionally we are requested to respond to a location only to find out that the unit wants us to look for a "pipe bomb" on a roof. That is one roof check that we will have to pass on. Please understand that we constantly look at risk vs. benefit and have determined that explosive device investigations are best handled in other ways. Please do not request an air unit on these types of calls. If you have a question or concern about this do not hesitate to confer with the ASD watch commander at 2600. Always watch your six.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Out of the Great Southwest

by Senior Lead Officer
Emada Castillo
Southwest Division

Hello to all of you GREAT Southwest Officers, Detectives and the relentless Civilian personnel! It has been a long while since we have been featured in the *Blue Line*, and I have stepped up to the plate to represent the hardest working, committed and down right Hard Chargers of Southwest Division.

Welcome

I would first like to welcome our new Commanding Officer Captain **Kyle Jackson** and our Patrol Captain **Nancy Lauer**.

Back from the trenches of Baghdad

Welcome Back Officer **James Diamond**. James was assigned to 315 Psychological Operations Company of the United States Army and gone for a total of 14 months! While away "Jim" missed **two** wedding anniversaries and has a lot of making up to do with his wife Tara and his son. Now get back to putting those gang members in jail!!

We also welcome back Officer **Asatur Mkrtchyan** and Officer **Patrick Hassell** who were also in the Middle East serving our country and now back to work on the streets of Los Angeles.

Thank you for serving our Country and representing the Los Angeles Police Department. All of you were truly missed.

Baby News

Congratulations to Sgt. **Kevin**

Mason. On 04-29-03 at 1709 hrs, he and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Kalyn Dominique Mason weighing in at 8 lbs, 8 oz and 22 inches long. She will be riding in the bicycle unit before we know it! Mom and baby are doing well.

Some late baby news: Senior Lead Officer **Kevin Ishida** and his wife Diane welcomed a baby girl on 09-15-03 weighing in at 7 lbs, 14 ounces and her name is Madeline, and mommy is doing well. Lastly my husband (**Jesse Castillo** of Central Division) and I welcomed our second child Amaya Castillo on 10-29-02. 1 girl, 1 boy; we are even and DONE!

Commendable Caper

On 04-14-04 while working patrol (yes I said patrol) Senior Lead Officer **K. Pritchett** observed a male running down Adams Blvd. carrying a beige women's purse in his right hand, with a hysterical female running right behind him. The male looked in Officer Pritchett's direction, and in fear dropped the purse and walked away. Believing that the male committed a crime, Pritchett ordered the male to lay on the ground and took him into custody without incident. Upon his approach to the suspect officer Pritchett recognized him as a known West Blvd. Crip gang member. The female stated to Officer Pritchett that the suspect approached her and stated "I have a gun, give me your purse." The female continued to state that she told the male she did not have any money, at which time he pulled her by the hair and struck her in the back of her head several times with a clenched fist. The perpetrator then gained possession of her purse and ran away. Due to Senior Lead Officer **Pritchett's** keen observation skills, attention to duty and territorial imperative attitude a violent street robber and active gang member has been taken off the streets and peace restored to the community.

Well, I'm sure I will have much more to report as the days go by, until then take care of yourselves and each other. I'm out!



by Sergeant Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division



a Los Angeles Police Officer.

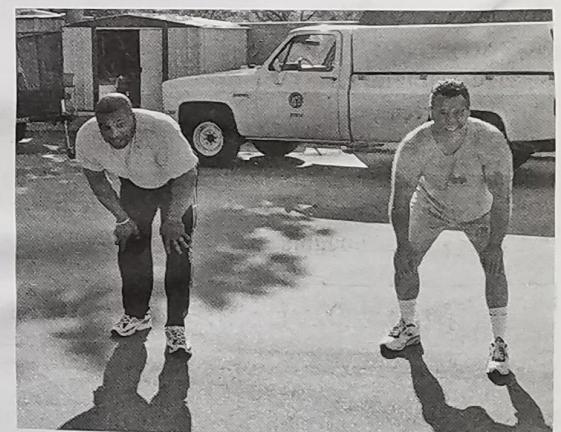
Such an incident happened to the Leiphardt family not long ago. Sergeant **Rick Leiphardt** was approached by his youngest daughter who informed him that she was joining the LAPD. With dad's full support, **Kelly Leiphardt** graduated from the police academy and is now part of the "Number One Department in the World." Kelly is currently assigned to Foothill Division. Dad is very proud of his daughter. We all wish her a safe and prosperous career.

In the picture, we see Sergeant Rick Leiphardt and his daughter, Officer Kelly Leiphardt on her graduation day in January 2004.

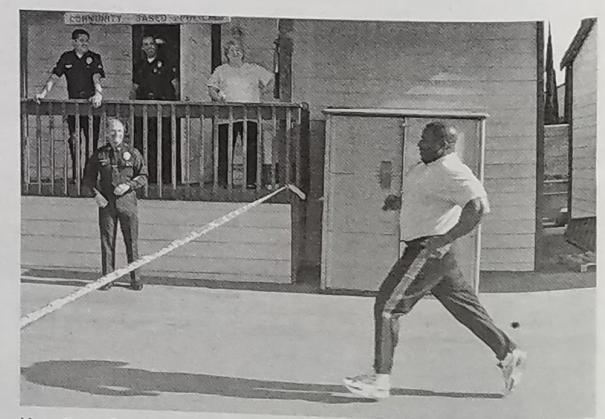
The Other Big Race

With victory still fresh in his mind, Officer Robert Lequin couldn't help himself but to think that as captain of Devonshire's running team, his runner's speed had worn off on him. Little did Officer **Ken Crawford** know that on a hot Tuesday afternoon, Bob would look at him and tell him he could beat him in a race.

The stage was set. Neither man would back down. Bob was so pumped up that he started stripping off his badge, gun, and belt. Ken was already in the parking lot stretching. *With most of the CRO crew pacing off the distance and watching for oncoming police cars, everything was a go until Ken put the race off opting for a heavy workout instead.* In the



Ken and Bob.



Ken Crawford

Number One In Our Hearts and Minds

As everyone knows by now, the Devonshire running team placed 2nd at the Baker to Vegas race. This was the result of hard and dedicated work by the runners, support personnel, and the man who put it together, the team captain, **Robert Lequin**. From information gathered from my sources, all runners did extremely well and let nothing get in their way of victory. Support personnel made sure that everything was in order during the race and that accurate time keeping was documented. As for the team captain, I personally witnessed him scrambling throughout the station getting the winning team together and making sure everything was well organized.

The Devonshire running team has much to be proud of. Everyone was focused and gave everything they had to place so well. Though official records may have the Devonshire team at second place, here at our lonely outpost in the Northwest corner of the City, we hold our runners in first place in our hearts and minds.

Our speed demons who made up the team in the order they ran legs 1-20 are: **Eric Eppolito, Troy Pearson, Brian Dameworth, Daniel Tagliere, Ramiro Capa, Haissam Sabra, Bruce Vermat, Eric Coffey, Don Majers, Edgar Vega, Nicholas Abbinanti, Mathew Clymer, Eric Swihart, James Leone, Daniel Pinto, Michael Watson, Robert Luna, Rene Banuelos, David Neville, and the one and only, Louis Cabrera.**

Just in case a runner got injured, lost, or kidnapped, the alternate runners were **Benedict Fernandes, Jason Beatty**, and, none other than, Captain **Joseph Curreri**.

Support personnel who dedicated their valuable time for the success of the team and worked as section leaders, time keepers, and drivers were: **Michael Coogle, James Worth, Kosal Uch, Fred Cueto, Michael McComas, Christopher Glassford, Melissa Esparza, Dontae Phillips, Michael Hall, David Parker, George Brown, Anna Deles, Pam Bustios, and Josh Schwartz.**

A big congratulations goes to the organizer of the runners, the man who put the transportation together, who recruited volunteers for support, and who, through commitment for a win, has done so much for the Devonshire running team, Robert Lequin.

In Dad's Footsteps

"One's child away in battle brings fear to a parent for the dangers they encounter. The only consolation is the just cause for which they fight." These poetic words were written by the Roman Poet Rodolfo Maximus in the 1st Century.

No where is this more apparent than in knowing that your child, someone you held in your arms as a baby, has grown up and has told you that they want to be

station gym, Captain **Curreri** got both Ken and Bob to agree to race at 0830 hours the next day.

In the picture, we see Ken and Bob ready to tear up asphalt. The photo finish picture has Ken coming in at full speed at the finish line as Captain Curreri looks on. Bob was not too far behind. Both men just might be in next year's running team.

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by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

Adios to a Bunch of Newtonites

It started with a request. A few computer keystrokes and the work was done. Rumors began to fly. Names started to pop up. Who's leaving? The request was to provide a list of all Newton sworn who have been at the Division for five years or more. Oh oh! Who's getting the axe?

The axe began to fall. The first to get the news was Captain **Fabian Lizarraga**. You're going to Van Nuys. The second wave came in the form of a letter with numerous negative comments, "You failed to embrace the Consent Decree." What??? Give me your three choices out of Central Bureau. Yikes!!!! Can't work Central Bureau. Lieutenant **Roger Deranian** was next to get the word.

Apparently some Chiefs honestly believed a subculture existed at Newton. You people all sat together at the LAPD-LASD boxing tournament. You look too happy! Of course, the LAPD boxing team included five members of *Newton Division*. Why wouldn't the officers feel proud.

After the death of **Ricardo Lizarraga**, Newtonites pulled together to comfort one another. "Oh, you supervisors are too close to the troops." Swoosh!!!! The axe dropped again. Sergeants **Wilson Brown**, **Roger Cheatham**, **Cheri Doolittle**, and **Rudy Vidal** received the letter.

With the loss of these personnel and Lieutenant **Gary Macnamara** last month, Newton is making a new transition. Everyone is "hugging" the Consent

Decree, keeping abreast of crime trends, and trying to smile less (If you're happy, you're hiding something). If I suddenly stop writing the *Blue Line*, you know what happened, swoosh!!!!

Terry Barclay on the Mend

Terry recently entered the hospital to correct an ailment. All went well and he is on the road to recovery. See you soon.

Challenge Cup Relay

Twenty Newton runners participated in the 20th annual Challenge Cup Relay on April 23-24. The team turned in a respectable time of 16 hours 32 minutes, finishing 7th in the mixed category. A special thank you goes out to **Greg McKnight** who spearheaded the team to victory. Greg is so organized that he scares me.

Newton Reunion

The reunion will be held on July 31st at the Academy. Contact **Gil Curtis** or his staff at 323 846-6504 for ticket information.

MUD is Actually Fun

The two Mandatory Uniform Days (or is it Detail) went well for Newton administrative personnel in DP4. We were assigned as Chase Cars for Narcotics. Dope dealers were arrested and transported to 77th and/or PAB facilities for booking. Although a bit rusty at first, the old street smarts started to come back and made for some memorable shifts.

PODDS Have Arrived at Newton

Newton received 29 PODDS units recently. **Jeff Ennis** was the first to be trained and sent in the field to see if all worked well before training up the rest of the Division. Jeff gave the device a thumbs-up, so the training of all Newton sworn will commence shortly.

Motorcycle Riders

For whatever reason, it appears that many Newton officers have purchased motorcycles and have begun taking rides to the desert. **Steve Crane** is the contact for all of you enthusiasts.

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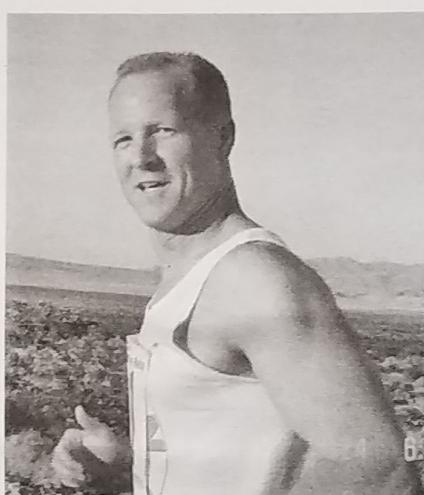
DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

Let me start out by saying happy Father's Day to all. Don't forget, it's your day to just take it easy and relax. Enjoy it while you can. Let's move on to the Baker to Vegas event which was over a



month ago. How does the lead alternate runner and captain, organizer, driver get hurt a day before the event? He pulls a hamstring while trying to run to a base

during a softball game. What's up with that? You ever heard of taking it easy before a race, you know, don't over exert yourself in any way. Well without saying any names (**Miguel Lopez**, senior lead officer for A35 area), the unknown officer is doing fine and is recovering from his injury.

Congratulations to Wilshire Division for taking 23rd overall. They also placed 12th in the division for which they entered. There were approximately 300 teams at the event this year. All runners made their run above the projected time for their leg, and no one fell out or got sick because of the extreme dryness (**Zandy**). The weekend was followed up by a great tasting family barbecue hosted by none other than Sgt. II **Blum**. He was assisted by a celebrity driving a Hummer who was signing autographs if one was lucky enough to get close to him. Thanks again **Perry Jones** and to all that assisted with the run and support. A special thanks goes out to Reserve Officer **Nancy Knight** who recorded all 20 legs of the run throughout the night without any sleep. You're a beautiful person and never forget, when I'm driving, it's my rules.

On behalf of Wilshire D-3s, they would like to commend their respective areas for leading the city in detective initiated arrests for DP 4. Great job. During all hours of the day you can see Wilshire detectives out there busting their humps bring in bodies. Sometimes it looks like an episode of "NYPD Blue."

Departures

We have a great number of officers leaving this month, and they will all be missed. There will always be a place for you here in the Wilshire family. FTO **A. Negrete**, #33348, is going over to Office of Operations, whatever that means. Officer **J. Geraci**, #35686, is heading up to Foothill. Keep riding that bike, Joe. Officer **R. Beaty**, #36574, is patrolling the streets of Club Dev. Officer **J. Biondo**, #36576, is now at Southwest. Officer **J. Chapman**, #36581, is over at Newton. Officer (bodybuilder) **Eastman** is working the beach over at Pacific. While you're there, send Jeff back over here. Officer **D. Hamilton**, #36317, is over at Newton. Officer **L. Hwang**, #36595, went up to Hollywood. Officer **F. Mario**, #36439, is also patrolling the beach. I do not think we have any P-2s left here.

Arrivals

We only have three arrivals this month. Sgt.-1 **R. Cheatham**, #22031, is coming over from the newly remodeled Newton Division. Officer **F. Deperno** is coming over from West L.A. Officer **S. Gras**, #35059, is coming in from CED. Good luck to all and welcome to the busiest division in the city.

Don't forget, if June is anything like the month of May, it is going to be hot. So drink lots of water and take care of each other.

Tip of the month, there have been a lot of multiple Code-3 calls at the same time in the division. It helps other officers when you get the call to let us know where you are responding from. Be safe. ♦

77th All-American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

Getting Ready for the Masters

Seventy-seventh Street Area officers took yet another trophy in the LAP-PRAC Gold Tournament, which was held at the Knollwood Country Club. Sergeants **Bill Driver**, **Pete Casey**, **Henry Miller**, Officers **Dave Hance**, **Trevor Wilson**, **Greg Garcia**, **Joe Sanchez** and Det. **Ted Hammond** all won trophies in their respective flights. Seventy-seventh took first place in the A and B flights. Congratulations, guys!

Our Hulk Wins the Big One

Officer **Alberto Franco** participated in his first no holds barred amateur

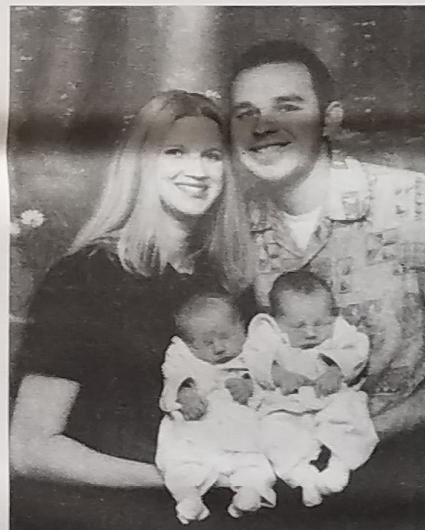
fight in the city of La Mirada. Franco won the fight with a unanimous decision. He had great fans and support from 77th Street Area officers as well as law enforcement officers throughout the county, including Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies. Franco's opponent was an experienced fighter with many fights under his belt. However, he was no match for the 77th Hulk.

Not One...But Two

Congratulations go out to two sets of parents of the 77th Street family. First



Emma and Elena Jaramillo, born December 16, 2003. 4 lbs., 5 oz.



off we have Officers **Sara** and **Helen Jaramillo** who were blessed with twin girls on December 16, 2003. Baby Emma came in at 4 lbs., 5 oz., and baby Elena followed at 4 lbs., 9 oz.

On April 3, 2004, Officer **Josh Riggs** and his wife Jennifer celebrated the birth of their twin boys, Jeremiah James at 6 lbs., 3 oz., and Josiah Denis at 6 lbs., 8 oz. Grandpa DIII **Jim Stoa** (77th) and Great Uncle DII **Mike Kearney** (Narcotics) were on hand to celebrate these blessings. Congratulations to all of you and good luck!

Code 4 on This 187

On March 18, 2004, Carlos Medina, "Logo," was standing in an alley by 5421 S. Hoover Street when a male Hispanic approached him and shot him multiple times in the chest area. The suspect was last seen running eastbound on 55th Street. Officers **Joshua Kniss** and **Jason Schwab** set out to gather information regarding this murder and received information on an individual who was claim-

ing responsibility for the crime. The juvenile in the area also advised the officers of his moniker and description. With this information, the officers located the suspect who was armed with a handgun matching the type and caliber as the weapon used in the homicide.

The suspect was a Barrio Mojados gang member, and the weapon matched the casings recovered from the crime scene. After being confronted with the evidence against him, the gang member confessed to the killing. Outstanding work, guys!

Baker to Vegas

Congratulations to all of our personnel who participated in Baker to Vegas. Our team ended up in 6th place with a final time of 16:25:29. We still have some of our running T-shirts on sale with our famous gambling logo if anyone is interested.

Senior Lead Officers Get Creative

In an attempt to combat our burglaries and BTFMV issues, the SLO Unit finds itself involved in what we refer to as "shopping cart details." Various entities are used, and they pick up the cart that we take away from the transient and return it to the owner. Sometimes on a good day large trash bags are provided to the transient for their property. Now this might sound pretty funny, but when you see it make a major impact on these repressible crimes, it makes everybody happy! Just one more step towards our goal of 20 percent reduction in crime. So if you are ever cruising in the hood, you might see transients of another sort—they now push baby strollers!

Well take care and stay cool! ♦

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West L.A. Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

You see, there really is such a thing as a free lunch. The proof is in the picture of In 'n' Out Burger employee Chris, shown here with Officers **Reichling** and **Torres**. It turns out that the Los Angeles Police Protective League had an appreciation luncheon for all of the West L.A.



Chris from In-N-Out, Reichling & Torres at the catered lunch, compliments of the LAPPL.

employees that was, indeed, free. T-shirts, pens, toothbrushes, and calendar booklets were also provided free of charge. Information was available



"Chief" Sharif with free t-shirt and Sandra Donaway in the SLO office.

regarding AFLAC and the LAPPL at that time. Many thanks from all of us for the great lunch. Seems there's always room for a double-double and a Coke!

Who would you vote for for West L.A.'s American Idol? Det.

— nominated Det. **Randy Cordobes**. I agree as I think he would be a good choice (and not just because he looks like David Hasselhoff). However, we haven't heard him sing yet. If you would like to vote for Randy, please let me know. Otherwise, please submit other names for consideration and why you think they would make a good American Idol. Each nominee can then pick a song of their choice for the audition after which time we will cast our votes to determine the winner.

A funny thing happened during Lt. **Charlie Duke**'s going away party. Capt. **Proctor** was in the middle of his farewell speech when he was interrupted and told that there was an emergency. The next thing you know, he walked back into the room and said that Lt. Duke wasn't leaving after all! It turned out that he was spared in the 11th hour and Lt. **Menzo** will be heading to

Newton instead. After Charlie heard the news, he was really ready to party. We are happy for him as he didn't really want to make a change. Lt. Menzo promised to come back when he has finished rebuilding his Cobra. We will certainly miss him and his sense of humor.

Lt. **Deranian** will be at West L.A. and Sgt. **Brian Gallagher** will be heading to the Harbor. Sgt. **Hanna** will be coming from Van Nuys. Hmm...I wonder if that's the Hanna that used to be here. P2 **J. Otrosina** will be heading to Pacific, and **F. Deperno** will be heading to Wilshire. MA2 **A. Moore** has arrived from Foothill, and that should be about it for now. Congratulations and good luck.

On a more serious note, Det. **Lynet Popper** of the OWB SAD Unit (but still part of West L.A.) recently received a commendation for her excellent detective work. Det. **Paul Bishop** commended Lynet's "dedication to duty, professionalism and the diligent investigative skills she displays on an ongoing basis" for a recent kidnap/attempted rape/robbery investigation. The victim, a 17-year-old female, initially reported that two male suspects forced her into a car at gunpoint, removed her property, and then drove her to an unknown location where they were interrupted before they could rape her. The victim's boyfriend was contacted by phone by the suspects who demanded a ransom for her safe return. Det. Popper relied on department resources and various investigative techniques for her follow-up as the victim was unable to provide any suspect information or the location where the attempted assault occurred. Lynet had the victim create composite drawings of the suspects, which were then distributed in crime bulletins. She also researched the crime files for any

matches. Det. Popper requested information on the phone call that the victim's boyfriend received from the suspect. The phone subscriber turned out to be that of a middle-aged woman residing in the Wilshire Division, yet the residence was eliminated as the site of the attempted rape. Det. Popper was determined to locate the suspect so she continued to drive past the subscriber's residence on her way to and from work. She eventually saw a suspect who matched the description given by the victim. Department resources enabled Lynet to identify the suspect as the son of the cell phone subscriber. The victim was unable to identify the suspect when shown a photo lineup as he had recently changed his hairstyle. There were a few other items that caused Popper to subsequently arrange for the suspect's arrest. When the victim realized that the detective was serious and ready to arrest a suspect, she decided to come clean. It turns out that she had been lying all along and had been spending time with the suspect, time that she did not want her controlling boyfriend to find out about. She was afraid of what her boyfriend might do if he found out that she was seeing someone else, so she concocted quite a story and filed a false police report. Even though this case was eventually "unfounded," it is because of Det. Popper's skill and dogged determination that the case did not remain unsolved. Det. Popper told the victim that she would have to tell her boyfriend the truth and advised her to end the relationship if he was that controlling. Whether she did so or not, no one knows. In the case of Det. Popper, she did the right thing and has shown how she consistently strives to do nothing but the best in her investigations. Congratulations, Lynet! ♦

Northeast Corner

by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Commendable capers

During February 2004 there were calls of a "415 Man with a Gun", officers were unable to locate a suspect. The Bike Unit responded to the area as an additional call came was dispatched. Officers **Hurd**, **Santiago** and **Contreras** responded and met the security officer at Queen of Angels Hospital. The officers were directed to the parking lot where a man that matched the broadcast description was standing. The man looked toward the officers and then began to run from them. The officers began a foot pursuit of the man. Officers **Arzate** and **Feria** responded to the area and observed the man running with a handgun in his right hand. The man jumped over a fence and then tripped, dropping the handgun. He attempted to pick up the handgun but observed the officers behind him. He continued to run, leaving behind the handgun. He jumped over two more fences and fell to the ground. The officers took him into custody and recovered the handgun. The officers are commended for their teamwork, professionalism and the successful arrest of a dangerous and clumsy gang member.

On February 5, 2004, a community member provided information regarding a gang member. The gang member had been congregating near local businesses, causing various disturbances and intimidating the residents. It was discovered

that he had an active "no bail" felony warrant, was wanted by State Parole, and was considered to be "Felon at Large." The information was provided to officers as an "Officer Safety Bulletin," as the suspect was considered to be violent, and had assaulted various law enforcement personnel on previous occasions. On February 7, 2004, Officers **Gilbert** and **Russell** responded to the area where the suspect was known to hang out. It did not take long before the officers located the suspect and immediately took him into custody. The suspect was arrested and booked on the felony warrant, and remains in custody. Since the arrest, community members have expressed their gratitude and advised that the community is now a more peaceful place to live. Thanks to these officers, residents, business owners, and visitors can now enjoy the neighborhood without fear and intimidation.

Chaplain

Chaplain **Dale Rose** has been a Reserve Chaplain at Northeast area since 1986. He is always ready to help us. Thank you Dale for your dedication to all of our souls. On March 5, 2004, Dale



Kristy, Jay and Dale at the Tonight Show

and his beautiful wife Kristy were able to attend the Jay Leno Show. Dale got on stage before the show to compete in a dance contest. Later he and Kristy were invited back stage to meet Jay.

Zimmie and "Christine"

Sergeant "Zimmie" Williams has



Zimmie and his girl, Christine.

been away from us due to an injury. Recently Zimmie received a gift of a memorabilia. Sgt Staats and the Senior Leads presented Zimmie with a bit of "Christine." Zimmie and Christine have had an on going relationship. It has been

said by other passengers in Christine that they felt major headaches and severe illness while in the vehicle. Now Christine is at peace since she is again with Zimmie. Truthfully, Zimmie we all wish you well and miss you a lot!

Coming and going

There was not much movement this month in Northeast. Leaving us to move on to new horizons is Officer **Brayman** and Officer **Mendoza**. Brayman is off to patrol the Devonshire and Mendoza will be hanging out in Foothill. Good luck to both of you in your future with the wonderful LAPD. Officer Espinoza is coming Northeast from North Hollywood. Welcome to Northeast. ♦

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Interdepartmental Softball Season In Full Bloom

by Ruben Espalin

With the softball season beginning brings the sounds and sights of grown men whiffing, sliding, barking, yelling, and sometimes complaining (to the deaf ears of **Joe Oliveri** and **Charles Perry**). Yes, the season is here and the boys of summer are immersed in battle to be the top teams in their respective leagues.

In the South League, Pacific is on top with SE and Training at their heels. Wilshire, Southwest and 77th make up the balance, while West Traffic is still looking for their first win.

The Valley League is headed by Van Nuys with HWD on their tails. The rest of the league is made up of Devonshire (red and blue), NHWD, with both West Valley and Narco looking for pay dirt.

The tough Central League has the boys from Rampart on top with Hollenbeck currently second. Metro, CTD, and NE make up the rest with ASD and IAG battling for last.

The ultimate goal of these teams is to make it to the Red Davis tourney in June. In this sport, individual accomplishments are not as important as teamwork and mental toughness. Good luck to all teams!

Interdepartmental Softball Standings as of 4/30/04

SOUTH LEAGUE

	W	L
PACIFIC	3	0
S/E	2	1
TRNG	2	1
WILS	2	2
S/W	2	3
77TH	1	2
WEST TRAFFIC	0	3

VALLEY LEAGUE

	W	L
VHYS	5	0
HWD	3	0
DEV-BLUE	3	1
DEV-RED	2	2
N.HWD	2	2
WEST VALLEY	0	3
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Women's Bowling Team



Women's bowling team wins gold at Arizona Police and Fire Games in April, 2004. Pictured from left to right are Mary Clemons (PSB), Annette Hampton (TCLU), Carolyn Jones (Audit Div.) and Angie Whetstone (77th Div.).

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LAPD Shotgunners Bag "Gold Victory" at the Arizona Games

by Jimmy L. Trahin

It was astonishing....unbelievable....the Mother of all victories! Those are the only words that can describe the tenacious effort that was shown by the LAPD Trap & Skeet Team at the recent Arizona Police & Fire Games held in Tucson in April.

LAPD fielded two top notch squads to compete in five events for the two day,

16 yd., 21 yd., and doubles trap and was just as productive. LAPD took the gold and bronze in both 21 yd. and doubles and missed the gold medal by ONE bird in the 16 yd. event. The teams settled for the silver and bronze. Individual achievements for medals were ongoing in large quantities with **Bobby Lutz** shooting a perfect score (100x100) in 16 yd. trap for the gold.

When the shotguns were finally laid to rest, LAPD took an incredible combined



LAPD Trap & Skeet team at Arizona Police Games Gold Medal victory with a "mine-boggling" 73 total medals. Top left: Dave Herrick, Bobby Lutz, Jeff Nocket, Harry Davis, Ed Knutson, Jimmy Trahin. Bottom left: Tom Hartkopf, Bill Page, Don Bray, Vic Elliot, Ross Weddle and Greg Dewitt.

sunrise to sunset, shoot out with 40+ competitors. The shotgunning, master-lip-blasters consisted of **DON BRAY**, **HARRY "MR. SKEET" DAVIS**, **GREG DEWITT**, **VIC ELLIOTT**, **TOM HARTKOPF**, **DAVE HERICK**, **ED KNUTSON**, **BOBBY LUTZ**, **JEFF NOCKET**, **BILL PAGE**, **ROSS WEDDLE**, and yours truly, **JIMMY TRAHIN**.

The first day was a total sweep for LAPD in the skeet competition. Our teams took the gold and silver in both the singles and doubles events by wide margins. Numerous individual medals were captured by many of the team shooters including High Overall in skeet by Davis.

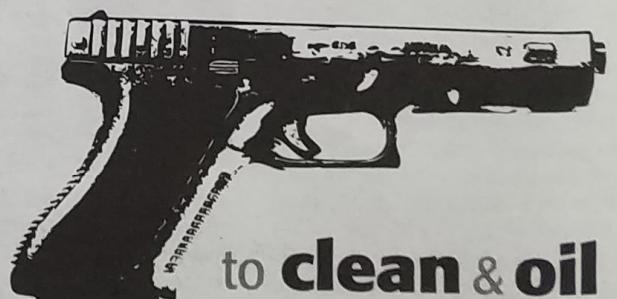
The second day involved

total of (73) medals, with (28) of those reflecting that beautiful gold finish. The "piece-de-resistance" was the awarding of TOP GUN and High Overall to our very own, "Mr. Skeet" Davis. Not bad for city cops in a hostile, desert environment. Even the scorpions were impressed!

Now that the team is flowing with unabated adrenalin, we are gearing up for the California and International Games. Anyone in this department who desires and fantasizes about blasting and disintegrating those nasty, bloodless, clay birds, should contact me, Jimmy Trahin, at (562) 698-2674 or e-mail at j.trahin@verizon.net. We practice monthly at the Prado Shooting Range in Chino Hills, so come join a winning team.

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LA United Football Club

by Detective Don Barfield (Coach),
Narcotics Division

For those soccer enthusiasts on the Department, I wanted to take a moment to let you know about our soccer program.

We are the LA United Football Club. Note the term "football" which is the term preferred by the English and Europeans as meaning the sport of "Soccer" as we know it in the US.

Our soccer club is made up of officers

includes both law enforcement and fire department personnel from Los Angeles County, specifically the LA United FC, LA County Sheriffs and the LACFD.

- May 2004 - LA County Sheriff's Annual Police & Fire Soccer Tournament

This tournament is hosted by the LASO and is played at their academy in Whittier (Star Center).

- June 6-12, 2004 - CPAF Stockton, Ca.



Back row left to right: Romeo Rubacalva, Marlon Marrache, Ken Sandquest, Marlon Prodigalidad, Mike Lorenz, Matt Simanski, Jim Erwin, Tony Ljubetic, Jose Herrera, Don Barfield (Coach), Front Row: Peter Lee, Jesse Reyes, Art Reyes, Derek Ramirez (Goalie), Nelson Enamorado, Alex Fuentes & Art Mares.

from various sections, areas, and units in the department, consisting of both patrol and detective personnel. The team carries 28 players, which include coaches and staff.

If you are interested, we practice every Wednesday evening at the Elysian Park Academy Athletic Field beginning at 1930 hours. No cleats allowed. Bring turf or regular tennis shoes only! We are always seeking players to add to the soccer program.

We participate in 5 different law enforcement and recreational tournaments a year that include the following:

- Early March - The Scorpion Soccer Tournament

This is a local tournament that includes various club teams as well as a TV station recreational team. It also

Six consecutive days of play against teams consisting of law enforcement and fire departments.

- September 8-12, 2004 - North American Police Soccer Championships Calgary Canada

Law enforcement and fire departments battle from Canada and the US. This is a 25-year-old established tournament rich in history.

- October 2004 - Greater LA Public Safety Soccer Tournament, Home Depot Soccer Complex

If you are interested in our program, please contact Detective Don Barfield #12837, Narcotics Division, 562-462-3982 (office) or e-mail @ dbarfield@lajdig.org



Los Angeles Police Revolver & Athletic Club Upcoming Sporting Events, Sports Deadlines, Meetings and General Info At LAPRAAC

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 - 0845 Hours - Individual/Platoon 3mile
 - 0930 Hours - Memorial Service
 - 0945 Hours - 15 mile Team Relay
 - 1000 Hours - Lunch begins

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Peace Makers Have a Hot Time at Cowboy Action World Championship

The 23rd Annual World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting was held at Raahauges Ranch in Norco, California. The event called "End of Trail," started on April 28, 2004. The first day's activities included "side matches" and "pot shoots." The main match was held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The posse shoot, the top gun shoot-off, and the awards ceremony all occurred on Sunday, May 2.

Live entertainment, mounted shooting and various shows were ongoing. Dozens of western singers performed, and numerous vendors sold nearly everything associated with the cowboy era.

Despite temperatures over 100 degrees, a record number of shooters attended the match. Eight hundred cowboys and cowgirls completed the main match. More than 100 mounted shooters brought even more excitement to the event. Shooters came from all 50 states and 17 different countries to "compete in the heat." Hundreds of conventioners participated in some shooting events. Nearly 30,000 spectators and visitors helped to make this year's End of Trail the biggest shooting event of any type ever.

End of Trail is a Cowboy Action shooting match requiring the use of four guns on each stage: one rifle, one shotgun, and two single action revolvers. The main match consisted of 12 separate stages. Each shooter engaged 280 targets: 120 pistol, 113 rifle, 46 shotgun and 1 knife target. All except the knife target were reactive steel. Eight of the pistol and all forty-six of the shotgun targets had to be "knocked down" to count as a hit.

The movie "Tombstone" was the theme of this year's End of Trail. This movie has encouraged thousands of people to join the *Single Action Shooting Society* and start cowboy action shooting. Each stage of the match was inspired by a scene from the movie. Each stage was started when the shooter recited a line from the movie. For example, stage six was started only after the shooter exclaimed, "I'm your Huckleberry."

Stage two was titled "A Peach of a Hand." The shooter assumed the role of Doc Holiday, seated at a table holding a deck of cards. When ready, the shooter asks, "Why Ed, are we cross?" The time starts and the shooter plunges a knife into a likeness of "Ed Bailey." The knife had to be thrust with enough force to remain embedded in the target or a penalty was assessed. The shooter then engaged 23 steel "bad guys."

The shooter was required to shoot from three different locations, moving two bags of gold and cash to each position before shooting. Sound like fun? It was!

Three members of the "Peace Makers" completed the match. Retired Officer **Phil Harris** (AKA "Fargo Phil") competed in the senior category (age 60-69). This was "Fargo Phil's" fifth End of Trail.

Retired Officer **Larry Mudgett** competed in the "Gunfighter" category. Officer **Stacey Ewing** (Newton Div.) competed in the "Lady Gunfighter" category.

The "Gunfighter" category has its roots in the western movies from the 1940s and 1950s. Many of the "silver



screen" cowboy heroes drew both revolvers at the same time and fired them in an alternating sequence. It is also well documented that the "prince of pistolers," **James Butler Hickok** (Wild Bill), drew and fired a pair of Colt Navy revolvers in this same manner for demonstration and in actual gunfights.

The Peace Makers used a variety of firearms including Ruger single action revolvers, Winchester 1897 shotguns, and Winchester 1866 and 1873 rifles. Officer Ewing's Winchester 1897 is exactly 100 years old, having been manufactured in 1904!

The Peace Makers used ammunition in several different calibers, all hand-loaded by each shooter to meet their specific requirements.

Officer Ewing shot extremely well and was awarded a "top ten" winner buckle for the "Lady Gunfighter" category. Last year Officer Ewing won a "Top Ten Winner" buckle for "Ladies Modern" category. Two world championships, two completely different categories, and two "Top Ten" awards. Great job!

Larry Mudgett missed only one target in the match and shot fast enough to make the "Top Ten" in Gunfighter category. This is his third Top Ten buckle in the past six years from End of Trail. He also has two "Top Ten" awards from winter range, which is the national championship of Cowboy Action shooting.

This match had special significance to Mudgett because the last day of the match was his first day of retirement (34 years and 8 months).

Officer Ewing and Officer Mudgett shot with a posse from San Antonio, Texas. These nice folks really got into the cowboy spirit and had loads of fun.

In spite of record heat, the great props, excellent targets, and wonderful people made this the best End of Trail ever. The Peace Makers hope to see you at End of Trail 2005.

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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Dave Aikins

Greetings from all of us on the Central Coast. After our super March luncheon in Morro Bay, we are getting ready for our catered picnic in Atascadero. This summer time gathering promises to be a great event for all the Fuzz folks, along with family and guests. The particulars are as follows:

Place: The Lake Pavilion at Atascadero 9315 Pismo Avenue

@ Highway 41, Atascadero

Date: June 10th, (Note it's a little

earlier this year)

Time: Social Hour- 11:00 AM,

Lunch at Noon.

Cuisine: One half chicken, tri-tip,

with all the fixings.

Drinks include beer, wine, soft

drinks, and coffee.

Cost: \$12.00 per person.

The Pavilion overlooks a scenic lake and is nestled in a beautiful park offering a fabulous view. The Atascadero Zoo is within walking distance and small water craft can be rented on the lake as well. The Pavilion is air conditioned, comfortable and provides a wonderful place for LAPD camaraderie. For additional information & reservations contact our fearless leaders, Paul & Stella Mattson, 805-929-0520 or Jeff & Melissa Watkins, 805-489-4953. Come and join us for a great afternoon.

Retirement Dreams

In the past I've written about some of our LAPD folks, who have retired and pursued their dreams. I have always been fascinated and awed by the ability and talent displayed by so many members of our department.

A recent story involved my flight instructor at Air Support Division (ASD). Werner Krempeles, a 30-year LAPD veteran with an astounding 26 years logged in as a helicopter and fixed wing pilot at ASD is a study in determination. To capture his law enforcement career would take volumes; however, suffice it to say that many violent career criminals went to jail and our troops in the field were a lot safer due to his skill and dedication. He was a superb instructor to whom I owe a great deal. I always liked the idea that he was able to enhance the flight training program by injecting some much needed humor at just the right moment. As I came to know this extremely talented person as a true friend, I realized he possessed a great desire to do couple of things upon retirement. One was to move to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho along with his lovely wife, CJ, and build a beautiful home, which he did. The other was to own a seaplane. The dream home came rather quickly, but the lure of a seaplane had to percolate for a while. Finally, after a great deal of research (he is quite good at this) and travel, he found his dream aircraft.

It was located in Wautoma, Wisconsin, about 1600 miles due east of Idaho. The seaplane was an experimental homebuilt kit plane called a Genesis, designed by Slip Stream International. It was a beautiful two seater with a pusher propeller (that means it's behind the pilot). It was also an amphibious aircraft, which, for us former Metro guys, means that it could take off and terminate flight either on water or land. Neat stuff! Anyway, Werner fell in love at first sight, as it had just about every thing that he wanted in an aircraft.

When Krempeles needed someone to assist him with piloting the aircraft back



Werner Krempeles on the left with ground crew.

from the icy world of Wisconsin to beautiful Coeur D'Alene, I couldn't wait to go. Serving as his ground support, we started our week long adventure last April with a two day, red eye, drive eastward on Highway 90 to pick up his dream machine. Along the way we stopped off in Spearfish, South Dakota to visit 37 year LAPD veteran, Ron Gould and his lovely wife, Ly, who provided us with a wonderful overnight stay in their new, beautiful custom home. I was fortunate to have worked with Ron at West Valley Division and he also had been a neighbor of Werner's in Simi Valley. It was a delightful visit.

The idea was for Werner to fly his airplane westward along the same route back to Idaho, while I drove his Dodge Dakota truck rigged with an extra fuel tank and special goodies needed in case problems were encountered; and of course, they were. We were in constant communication via VHF radios and worked out our safety plans. We stopped at numerous small airfields; many with no one in attendance and surged on. The challenges involved communications (hey, where are you?); weather (are those

snow flurries?); electrical (is the battery really dead?); mechanical (what does that broken wire connect to?); and structural (how bad is it bent?). I was not surprised that Werner had solutions for everything and we completed the trip in four days despite occasional 30+mph head winds with ground speeds, at times, of under 50 mph. I was impressed, as always, by Werner's sound judgment, piloting skills, energy and of course, his sense of humor. We laughed a lot. I was just a minor cog in the wheel, but was thrilled to see another great LAPD veteran fulfill one of his life long dreams. (See photo). What a guy!

Passing Members

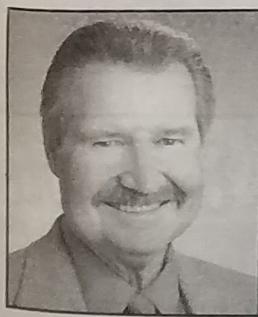
On a sad note, we mourned the passing of retired policewomen Geraldine Auth and Nellie Calvert, the wife of Freeman Calvert, one of our "Fuzz That Wuzz" founding members. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and we will miss them.

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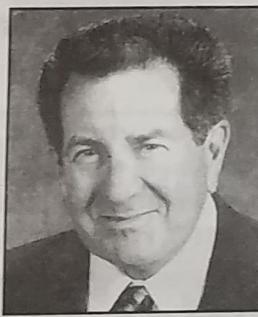
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RETIREMENT NEWS

Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

April! Busy, busy month! No April showers but lots of flowers and pollen. Old Blue held its final tune-up run on April 4 at Griffith Park. It was a near perfect day for a run. Those participating in the run were Tim Saucerman, Rick Massa, Steve Keyser, Mel Sandvig, Phil Booth, Danny Staggs, John Martin, Gene Peterson, Mike Arroyo, Chuck McTaggart, Pat Connelly, Bill Osuna, and Keith Allen. Support personnel were George Beck, Diane Harber, Mike

comfort level rose and stayed with Old Blue until the last few legs and as the sun came up so the temperatures also rose. At the finish line Old Blue was in 26th place, not bad when you consider that our runners are all members of AARP! A great run, that went off nearly perfect!

Our runners were Phil Booth, Pat Connelly, Chuck Foote, Jim O'Connor, Gene Peterson, Bruce Hoover, John Marnell, Tim Saucerman, Chuck McTaggart, John Martin, Ron McCall, George Sanchez, Rick Massa, Steve Keyser, Mel Sandvig, Ron Hodges, Melinda Becker, Danny Staggs,



Row 1: T. Wonders, M. Melancon, B. Espinosa, M. McKean, C. McTaggart. Row 2: B. Carter, R. Vargas, V. VanHoutte, C. Rochlitz, R. Romero, V. Romero.

McKean, Mike Melancon, and Terry Wonders.

Breakfast followed with the final touches put on the upcoming run.

Baker to Vegas! April 24-25! We were there! Old Blue, Team 43 was ready to go. Our starting time was 1700 and someone forgot to turn off the heat. The first few legs were extremely warm and tough on the runners. As the sun went down so did the temperature and the

Thurston Bechtel, and Jim Becker.

Our Alternates were Mike Arroyo, Ron Vargas, and Vic Romero. Our support personnel were Bob Carter, Corky Rochlitz, Virginia Van Houtte, Mike McKean, Terry Wonders, Dan Elefante, Ray Romero, Ed Cholakian, Mike Melancon, Pete LaMaestra, and Dan Bodemeijer. The alternates did double duty as support personnel also. Once again a special thanks to Julio Nieves of Dollar Car Rentals for the follow vehicle.



Row 1: M. Arroyo, R. Vargas, M. Sandvig, V. Romero. Row 2: J. Becker, M. Becker, D. Staggs, G. Sanchez, S. Keyser, T. Saucerman. Row 3: R. Massa, R. Hodges, G. Peterson, C. McTaggart, R. McCall, T. Bechtel.

Driving through the desert at 8 mph behind a runner does not seem like a tough job, but when it's for 5+hours and you have to be aware of the other runners and drivers and all that can go wrong how fortunate we have been these last 12 years that all has gone smoothly.

The catcher-sender team must drive from hand-off point to hand-off point, find the runner, make sure the runner waiting to run is kept up to date on the oncoming runners progress so the hand-off can be made smoothly. This year we saw several instances of runners coming into the handoff chute and no one there to hand off to. At one exchange point the runner stood in the chute for over 20 minutes waiting.

The timer keeps track of the running time of the race, plus the individual runners time. This is critical to the runner and the team. The timer guards the stopwatch as though it's the Crown Jewels.

The team Captains, Mel Sandvig and Chuck McTaggart, put the team together, attended the meetings, made the schedules and made it another memo-

rable year.

Our finish was 26th overall, 3rd in the over 800 category and the time was 15:41.

A special thanks goes out to Ray Romero who has been with the Old Blue Team from the start and this year printed up, at his own expense, a booklet that contains all members of the Old Blue Team from the start in 1992 to this year, including team results and each year's official times for all of the Old Blue runners.

This year's unusual incident occurred during Chuck McTaggart's run. Chuck has pets at his home. His wife Lynn has her horses and Chuck has his cat. While running his leg an animal came out of the desert, possibly to attack Chuck, but with his quick feet he was able to avoid the critter, a mouse! The mouse actually looked like a good runner, at least he was very quick!

Have a great summer. Get ready for next year's run by meeting with us in September in Griffith Park. Contact any Old Blue team member for more info.

— Mike McKean

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CV Blue Line Golf

by Carl Olson

Thirty members & guests showed up to play at the Resort at Indian Wells East Course on May 7, 2004. The winning male-only group with a 10 under 62 was Jim Miller, Bill Rodgers, Don Stagnaro and an active West LA Detective we named Ralph. The winning mixed group was Jim Verwys, Jackie Everson, Mike Spenser and Taryn Dickens. They shot a respectable 8 under 64. Closet to the pin awards went to Don Stagnaro, Taryn Dickens, Jim Verwys and Taryn Dickens again. Prizes given to the winning groups, closest to the pin winners, and as part of a drawing, ranged

from free stays at the Pechanga Hotel with dinner for two, free golf at Indian Wells, dinners at other Indian casinos, golf balls, shirts, hats, pullovers, passes to Santa Anita Race Track, etc. In all, thirty-nine prizes were awarded to those who won or stayed for the no host luncheon and took part in the drawing. ♦

Other players who were not on the winning teams: Terry Hunter, Mary Nolan, Cliff Dow, Jim Darr, Steve Durand, Chuck Patriarca, Ron Ellena, Jim Schuler, Jack Mahon, Charlie Dahlberg, Jim Swiston, Quint Villanueva, John Rockwood, David Warren, Larry DeLosh and your host for the event Carl Olson. ♦

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on June 16th, 2004, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the 3rd Wednesday in the Bar/Lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 24 attending April 21st luncheon. The following attended: Walter (Barney) BORONICH (3861), Jim DAVIS (14365), Ernie (3918) & Sylvia DICKEN, Emmett DRENNEN (3279), Ed ELLIOTT (4703), Hilliard (Curly) ELLIOTT (4534), Ray ELMER (5607), Clinton ERICKSON (5608), Bob FRITZ (4583), John GROGAN (11852), Tom LINDHOLM (4734), Lou MELLOTT (4037), Boris MENEGHELLI (3522), George MOORE (10585), Lou NETZA (7655), Les NOLTE (10821), Jake ORBUS (5407), Joe REINER (12792), J.R. SCHILLER (10992), Stuart STREMSTERFER (4394), Jim SWISTON (4654), Mel TOUSSEAU (3270) and Earl WELLS (6297).

We have had four deaths this year of attendees, namely John Amott, Howard Barnes, Bill Windham, and Frances

DAVIDSON. Frances and I started going together in the fall of 2000 after I had assisted her in operating a WEB-TV, which she had received from a friend. We have had a very enjoyable time together attending most of the activities of the 'Fuzz that Wuzz', 'Inland Empire', 'Valley Retired Blues' lunches. We went to many Senior Friends and Prime Timers meetings. We also went to quarterly Lockheed Star Dusters lunches and meetings. WE participated in the social activities of her 'PEO' and 'Forest Home Women' organizations. She also attended many of my family's gatherings of birthday and holiday celebrations, and I went with her to several of her church social activities. Frances was diagnosed with a brain tumor last December and in early February a biopsy was performed and the tumor found to be malignant. She passed away April 13th and I will miss her companionship.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfpa.com. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in May and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the 3rd Wednesday of each month. ♦

Retirees Gather in Carson City

Our annual LAPD Christmas dinner was held December 5, 2003 at Pinon Plaza in Carson City, Nevada.

In attendance were: Rudy & Carole Acosta (#13510), Donald & Karen Butler (#11196), Randy & Leslie Cochran (#20608), Carlo & Caroline Giufurta (#6153), Ken & Nancy

(#20178), James & Micki Wisehart (#6829). We started off with a no-host bar and appetizers followed by a great dinner as only Pinon Plaza can do for us. We missed some of our regulars, but were delighted to welcome some new faces that joined us. It was fun having caught up time getting reacquainted.



Left to right, back row: Robert McGuire (#10151), Randy Cochran (#20608), Keith Ross (#11897), Bill Kreider (#7170), James Weishuhn (#20178), Don Butler (#11196), John McCann (#17800) and Carlo Giufurta (#6153). 3 just behind those seated: Ken Kreider (#21578), Ken Hurwitz (#13240) and Ronald Phillips (#6089). Seated, left to right: Jack Skovgard (#7346), Rudy Acosta (#13520), James Wisehart (#6829), Charlie Morton (#6457) and Art Rumple (#16964).

Hurwitz (#13240), Bill & Pat Kreider (#7170), Ken & Nancy Kreider (#21578), Charlie & Janet Morton (#6457), John & Tahlia McCann (#17800), Mrs. Jerry Ann McClain (Walt's #5391), Robert & Barbara McGuire (#10151), Roland & Bobbie Phillips (#6089), Rose, Louise (#4753-Robert's deceased), Keith & Frankie Ross (#11897), Art & Valerie Rumple (#16964), Jack & Toni Skovgard (#7346), James & Lana Weishuhn

We had a great time with our white elephant exchange (even though some cheated) and had wonderful raffle prizes of wine, fresh fruit and other great gifts.

Many thanks to all of you that helped Bobbie with the phones this year. It was very much appreciated.

We hope to see a lot more of the first Friday in December, December 3, 2004. Join us for fun, relaxation and a wonderful night. ♦

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (S.A.B.L.A.)

by Ed Lewandowski

Welcome to the Sacramento Area Blue Line Association. We held our monthly meeting on April 8th at "Friends" restaurant in Rancho Cordova. Nineteen members and guests attended the luncheon. Our current President **Carl Kuehn** and his wife **Eleanor** presented us with another fine guest speaker, Mr. **Barry O'Connell**. When Mr. **O'Connell** started the presentation, one would have thought he was from Great Britain by his accent. But as we all found out, he's actually from Australia.

Barry O'Connell who is Irish-Catholic, coaches RUGBY in his homeland. Every year he comes to the Sacramento area to coach Rugby at

Jesuit High School and the University of California at Davis (UC Davis). Rugby, as some of you might or might not know is sport similar to American football, but without all of the safety equipment such as helmets and padding. O'Connell went on to explain how the game is played, scoring is kept and how great the camaraderie is amongst the players. Currently there are more Rugby clubs in the USA than in Australia.

Former notables who have engaged in the sport included Pope John Paul II, Boris (Lights Out) Karloff who played for Hungary, actor David Niven, actor Richard Burton and former President Bill Clinton (while he attended Oxford). The game was invented in 1823, and naturally, in Rugby, England. It's known as the "sport of heaven" and is played in 132 countries today, and second only to

soccer. Currently there are 11 high schools in the Sacramento area that play the game. O'Connell said he has to call the Sacramento Bee with game results as no one covers the sport for the newspaper. He also mentioned that on the national level there is no financial funding/sponsorship as there is little publicity for the sport.

Like basketball on the college level, rugby has a playoff system consisting of the "Sweet 16" teams who will vie for the National Championship and "Final Four" who will compete at West Point. There is also a World Cup competition. O'Connell mentioned how rugby as a worldwide fraternity, with players from different backgrounds both politically and religiously, are able to separate their differences and even enjoy a "cold one" together after a game at the local pubs. Some games may be seen on the FOX Sports Network. In closing he talked about how players are subjected to great pain, but work through it and how the game really stresses TEAMWORK. Great to have you with us Barry. Please join us again.

SABLA members in attendance included myself of course, **Bob Keel** and **Ray Lauritzen**, **Gene DeCrona**, **Dennis McDonald**, **Chuck and Lorrie Ward**, **Chuck and Millie Crawford**, **Joe Sandoval**, **Bob Devin**, **Bill Wilhelm**, **Chuck Blogin**, **Royal Jensen**

and **John Lestelle**. **Jim Dettman**, an LAPD reserve Officer in West Valley Division was a guest of John Lestelle. Jim is also a former Colonel in the USMC (ERR RAH!!)

Spring Fling Up-date: Depending upon when you receive your copy of this edition of the *Blue Line* our scheduled **Spring Fling** "all you can eat" **BBQ** (including pork ribs, sliced beef, chicken, salads etc) is/was **Sunday June 6, 2004 in Placerville**. Hope you can or did make it to the festivity. This is not an individual personal benefit, but a function for all SABLA members and guests (including other currently active or retired LAPD officers).

As you may all well know, as we grow older our aches, pains, illnesses and health sometimes takes a bad turn. I would just like to express our best wishes and concern to some of our members on the mend. Those include **Ray Lauritzen**, **George Puddy** and **Roy Kerton** and anyone else who I might have forgotten or might have had a setback since this was written. Take care all of you.

This will probably be my last article for SABLA in the *Blue Line* for a while as our regular scribe **Mr. Bernie Remas** should be back at the keyboard next month now that he has returned to Sacramento (Roseville - Sun City) after his winter sojourn in Florida. ♦

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June 6-12	California Police & Fire <i>Summer Games, Stockton</i>		
June 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
June 10	Central Coast Fuzz Picnic	1100	1200
June 16	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
June 18	Metro Reunion	1700	1800
June 25	Bradley Merritt	1700	1800
June 26	LAPD Memorial Relay, Dockweiler Beach	0815	
June 30	George Haines	1800	1900
JULY			
July 5	Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament	1000	
July 8	John Stieglitz	1400	
July 9	Larry Mudgett	1730	1830
July 16	Jerry Greenfield and Martha Herrera	1700	1800
July 23	Ronald Stamps	1800	1900
July 21	Jack Dillard	1700	1800
July 21	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
July 31	Newton Reunion	1400	1700

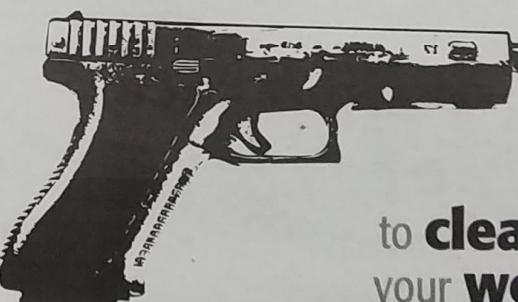
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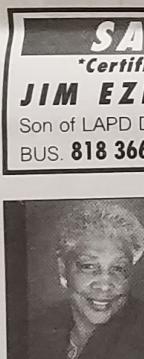


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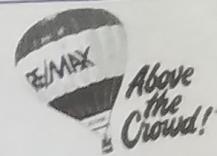
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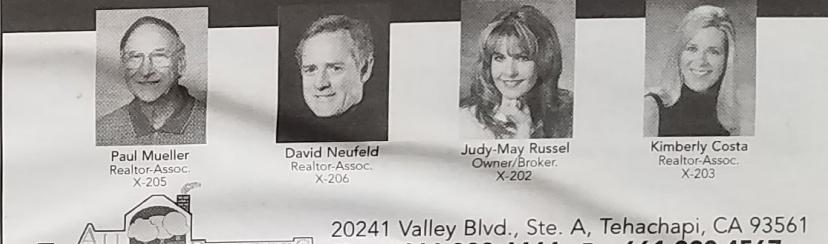
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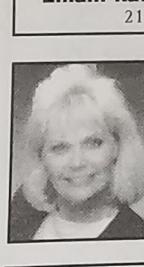
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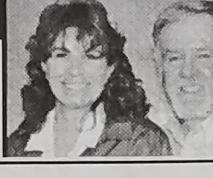
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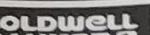


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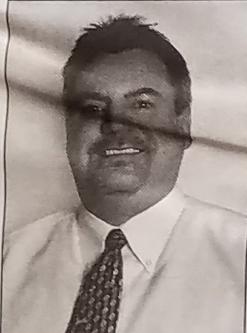
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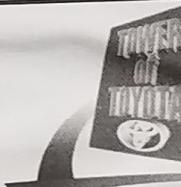
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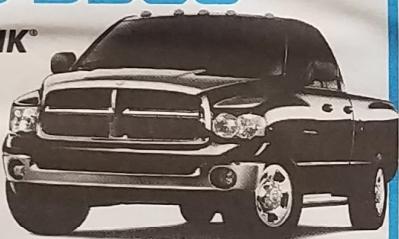
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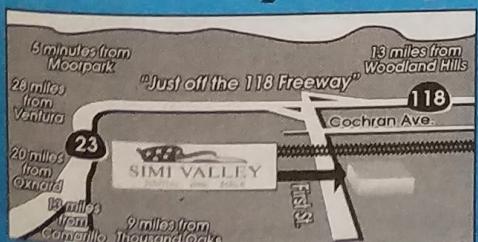
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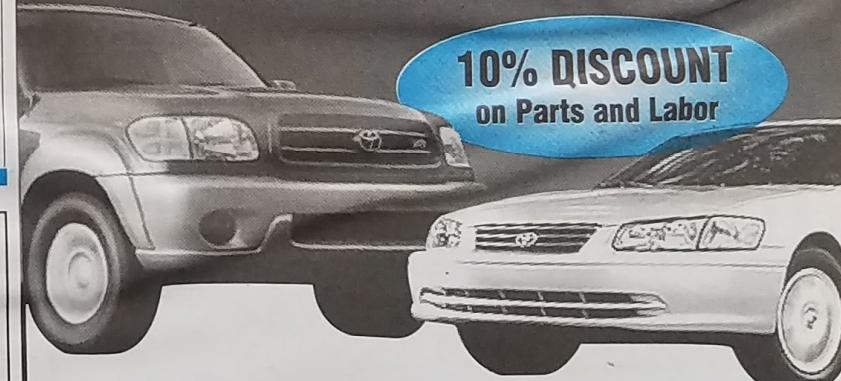
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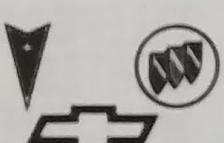
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